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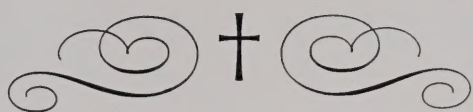


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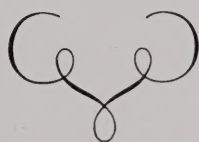
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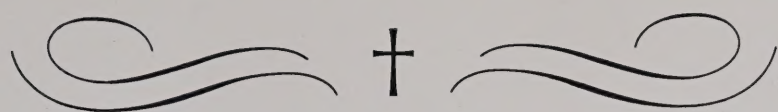


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KLOECKNER MEMORIAL
EVANGELICAL and REFORMED CHURCH OF CHICAGO

Reverend William L. Moenkhaus, *Pastor*



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*With gratitude and in sincere
appreciation this book is
dedicated to:*

THE PIONEERS OF OUR CONGREGATION who labored sacrificially and well that permanent foundations might be laid for His Church in this place.

MRS. LUCINDA KLOECKNER and MISS ANNA DIECKMANN who made possible the building of this beautiful House of God to be enjoyed by us, and in the future by our children, and by the strangers that shall come within our gates.

THE MANY MEMBERS OF THE CLERGY, who by preaching the word of God, gave spiritual inspiration to the multitude of worshipers.

THE DIRECTORS, SOLOISTS and MEMBERS OF THE CHOIRS, who by the rendition of songs, gave praises unto the Lord for the blessings we have received during the last half a century.

THE MANY COUNCIL and COMMITTEE MEMBERS, who so devotedly and efficiently served, to those steady dependable men and women who by their interest and assistance helped to carry on the great work of our Church.

THE MANY CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS who labored earnestly and faithfully for the progress of this congregation through the years.

AND TO ALL for their loyalty and consecrated cooperation.



THE HISTORY OF OUR CHURCH

*from its organization to the laying of
the cornerstone of the new church*

WRITTEN BY CLARENCE F. FRASE

IT is my sincere hope that you will find great pleasure in reading the early history of our Congregation. I know that it will be interesting for us to re-live some of the many wonderful experiences that have taken place since its birth or organization in 1903. Many will wish to preserve this book and in later years will delight in reading it over and over again. We realize that our Church whose 50th Birthday we are observing is not a work of man's hands alone but a work of God. Yet in writing a Church history it is only natural to think of those early members who gave so willingly of their time and money. We salute those noble men and women who laid the foundations of this Church.

Our Congregation, which was formerly known as the Golgatha Congregation, had a rather interesting and unusual beginning. The gathering and founding of our Congregation was not planned either by the Synod or by the Mission Board. In January, 1903, Pastor Louis Von Rague and his family moved to Austin. He had retired after having served forty years in the ministry. In the later years of his life he spent much of his time still carrying on the work of Christ by helping to organize new churches.

In the little community of Austin he found a number of Evangelical families who had no church connection, the closest Evangelical Church being about six miles distant. These families, numbering about seventeen, expressed a desire to hold Evangelical Services of Worship and promised their support to such a gathering.

At first, through the efforts of Pastor Von Rague, the group was privileged to hold Services at three o'clock on Sunday afternoon in the Swedish Lutheran Church, which was located at the corner of

Waller Avenue and Iowa Street. They paid the sum of \$8.00 per month rental. From fifty to sixty people attended these services which were conducted entirely in the German language.

Due to illness and the failing of Pastor Von Rague's health the Synod assisted by supplying guest preachers. On Sunday, February 8, 1903, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, Pastor Krafft, who was then President of the North Illinois District, conducted a special service. He had volunteered to serve as our temporary Pastor. At this service there were



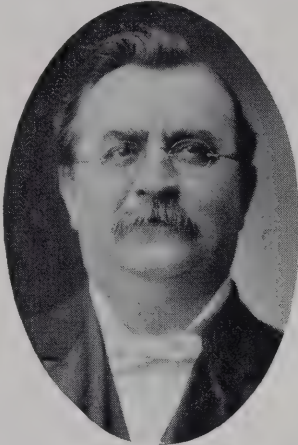
PASTOR LOUIS VON RAGUE

about one hundred persons in attendance and seventeen heads of families signed the Synodical Constitution. Pastor Krafft advised them not to hurry with the planning of the new organization until a larger number of families became interested.

The service was beautified with song by the Choir of St. Peter's Church under Pastor Lambrecht. The singing added so much to the

service that it was an incentive for the immediate organization of our own chorus which consisted of about twenty voices.

Sunday, March 1, 1903, is the date recorded as the real birthday of our Church. The attendance had already increased to approximately one hundred eighty and the music for this service was furnished by



PASTOR KRAFFT

the newly organized choir. Immediately following the service a business session was held and the group organized themselves into the Golgatha Evangelical Church of Austin, Chicago, Illinois. Thirty-six family heads signed as charter members and the following men were elected to serve on our first Executive Board: August Giermann, Karl Klaiber, Theodore Massmann, Herman Matthews, George Schildge, and August Schumacher. Due to the absence of some of the old church record books, the complete list of these early members is not available. We are pleased to list the names of most of these families and

would appreciate hearing of any that may have unintentionally been omitted:

LEO BACH	EMIL KAISER	MAX RUNGE
MRS. LIZZIE CAMPBELL	KARL KLAIBER	L. SCHERTEL
AUGUST DOBBECK	MRS. MINNIE KESSLER	GEORGE SCHILDGE
FRED EHLERS	JOHN MASSMANN	MAX SCHOENFELDT
JAMES FINK	THEODORE MASSMANN	AUGUST SCHUMACHER
AUGUST GIERMANN	WILLIAM MASSMANN	WILLIAM SCHUMACHER
MAX HAID	HERMAN G. MATTHEWS	G. STOLZENBERG
HARTMANN FAMILY	FRANZ MEYER	HENRY THIELE
WILLIAM HELMS	ARTHUR MILLER	GEO. H. WEIDELING
HARRY HILLMAN	H. L. PELLER	WITTROCK FAMILY
HENRY HULSEBERG	FRED PETERS	WILLIAM ZIECK

On Tuesday, March 3, 1903, the first meeting of the Executive Board was held at the home of George Schildge for the purpose of organization and the following were elected to serve as Officers: George Schildge, President; August Schumacher, Secretary; August Giermann, Treasurer; and as Trustees, Karl Klaiber, Theodore Massmann and

Herman Matthews. George Schildge and August Schumacher were elected to serve as representatives to the Synod. It was decided at this meeting to try to find a suitable site to build a Church and to draw up



building plans. The meeting adjourned and all joined in singing the song, "Now Thank We All Our God".

On Thursday, March 12, 1903, the women of the Golgatha Church met at the home of Mr. George Schildge and organized the Women's



Society with thirty women joining. The following were elected to serve as its Officers: Mrs. Ida Klaiber, President; Mrs. N. Von Rague, Vice President; Mrs. Clara Bach, Treasurer; Mrs. Augusta Hillmann, Secretary; Mrs. Campbell and Mrs. Matthews as Directors. It was decided

to hold a meeting on the third Thursday of each month. The dues were twenty-five cents per month and a fee of twenty-five cents was charged when joining.

(The writer can't help but mention that this organization throughout the years has been one of the mainstays of the Church. Its work has been carried on without interruption and has been a great blessing to the congregation.)

It looked as though our first Palm Sunday would come and go without a confirmation class; so in order that the Pastor would not be entirely without confirmands, a class was gathered consisting of seven married men and women who studied the catechism and were confirmed. Our first Easter Service, in spite of a severe thunderstorm, was very well attended and seventy-three members and guests partook of the Lord's Supper. The music for the service was furnished by our Choir under the direction of Miss Betty Von Rague, who was at that time organist and choir leader. She received a salary of \$10.00 per month for her services.

Our Sunday School which was started on Sunday, March 29th, 1903, with twenty-four children attending, had by Easter an enrollment of sixty.

At the next meeting of the Church Board held on Friday, April 3, 1903, a committee reported that a building site was available at Prairie Avenue and Cedar Street, (now Menard Avenue and Superior Street). A little later, through some difficulty, this proposed site was given up and it was decided to try to rent available space in some neighborhood church or vacant store.

On the 29th of April, 1903, the council saw fit to purchase three lots (75' x 125') on Central Avenue and Rice Street. The former owner, Mr. Williams, had previously paid \$2200.00 for these lots and he offered them to the Congregation for \$1800.00 at which figure the deal was closed. It was necessary for Pastor Von Rague to make a trip to Milwaukee and arrange for a loan of \$1000.00 to be used as a down payment on the purchase of these lots, the balance to be paid from the church collections.

At the Board meeting held on May 5th, 1903, it was voted that the Church Council be increased from six to ten members. Mr. Max Runge

was elected to replace Mr. Karl Klaiber who had resigned and moved to Alabama. A campaign was started to solicit funds for the building of a new church. At the present time Church Services were being held



on Sunday mornings in a rented hall. On Wednesday, May 20th, 1903, a concert was held and \$100.00 of the proceeds was used to purchase an organ.

On Tuesday, July 14, 1903, at a meeting of the Church Board it was decided to move their place of worship to a small store located at 5642 Ontario Street between Waller and Park Avenue. Forty church benches had been purchased from the Christ Congregation for the sum of \$10.00. Summer School classes were held for the teaching of the German language. The Congregation held its services of Worship in this store until late in the year of 1903. The first Church picnic was scheduled to be held on August 20th, at the Louisen Home.

It was during the summer of this year that Mr. August Giermann, one of our charter members, heard that the old German Baptist Church Building which was located in Forest Park was for sale. A committee was appointed to investigate the price and also the cost of moving the Church to Central Avenue. In September the Congregation purchased the Church Building for the sum of \$500.00 and it cost \$800.00 addi-

tional to have it moved to Austin. A furnace and six gas lamps were included in the purchase price. The size of the building was 56' x 26' and had a seating capacity of two hundred and fifty. Due to the shortage of funds, the Church was first set on wooden posts, but high enough so that Sunday School Rooms could be built below at some later date.

Thirty oak benches were purchased from the Episcopal Church for the sum of \$180.00, and a pipe organ was purchased from the Kimball Company for \$575.00. (The writer's thoughts are at present on the old song, "Pump For The Wind Is Fleeting," for many a service he spent behind this organ helping to supply the wind.) A beautiful gold fringed Altar cover and also the cover for the Pulpit were donated by the St. Paul's Evangelical Congregation. The Salem Congregation donated the Baptismal Font and Communion Set. The Pulpit and the Altar were the gifts of the Trinity Congregation. Mr. Wiebusch of St. Louis donated the beautiful Altar Bible and an unnamed friend gave the large Pulpit Bible. The gifts and the immediate response from these donors were greatly appreciated and helped to make possible the holding of regular services in the Church by Christmas, 1903.

On Sunday, January 10, 1904, the ten month old congregation dedicated its Church. Three services of worship and a Children's Service were held. The attendance filled the Church at every Service, and thirteen ministers took part in the celebration. The music for the occasion was furnished by our own Church Choir, the Choir of St. Peter's Church, a chorus from the Seminary and a Men's Chorus. I am sure that on this dedication day the pioneer parents and grandparents were thrilled and thankful that they were now able to worship God in their "very own" spiritual home. The Church was assisted financially for the first seven years by the Mission Board of our Denomination. The minister's salary at this time was \$300.00 per year. By March of 1904 a total of \$640.00 had been paid out for church repairs.

At the Church Board meeting in March, 1904, Mr. Schildge was again elected President and Mr. Schumacher, Vice President. Plans were now being started to excavate the church basement and to build a front entrance, the front entrance not to exceed a cost of \$200.00. In July of 1904 contracts were given, one to Mr. Stoddard to paint the

Church for the sum of \$70.00, and another to Mr. Norris to plaster the Church basement for \$106.00.

At the Board meeting held on October 3, 1904, it was decided to hold quarterly congregational meetings, the first meeting to be held in the Church basement on November 20th. Mr. Fred Peters was appointed to serve as our delegate to the District Synod. Considerable



"THE OLD WOODEN CHURCH"

thought was given at this meeting to the building of a parsonage on the church grounds. Pastor Von Rague offered to advance the necessary funds for this accomplishment. This was to be discussed further at the Congregational Meeting.

At the quarterly Congregational Meeting held on Sunday, November 20th, 1904, the following business was transacted. The report on

our first Bazaar which ran for three days showed a net profit of \$496.54. Mr. Mueller was hired to serve as caretaker of the church property at a salary of \$6.00 per month. It was decided by those present that each would take their turn in helping to clean the Church every Saturday. They were to rotate alphabetically according to names and any member failing to report for his share of the work would be fined fifty cents. (I wonder how many fines were collected.) Pastor Von Rague reported that a house close by could be purchased for the sum of \$300.00, and that he was willing to advance the money to buy the house and have it moved to the church grounds to be used as a parsonage. In the event of his leaving the ministry of our Church the Congregation was to give him a mortgage to cover the amount that he had advanced. Motion was made, seconded and carried.

Due to his failing health, Pastor Von Rague preached his last sermon as pastor of our Church on Sunday, November 26th, 1905. He had enjoyed a successful ministry in Austin for about three years. God had blessed his work and it was with regret that the Congregation listened to his farewell sermon. He then moved to Irving Park, Illinois. He departed from this life on April 30th, 1910.

Candidate Herbert J. Brodt, having preached a trial sermon a few weeks previous, was accepted by the Congregation and installed as our Pastor on Sunday, December 3, 1905. In February, 1906, Pastor Brodt obtained permission from the Synod to conduct one service a month in the English language, this service to be held on a Sunday evening. Up to now all services had been conducted in the German language. The picnic this year was held in August and for the first time at Bergman's grove. The rental of the grove was \$10.00. At a council meeting held in January, 1907, a contribution of \$200.00 was given for missionary work. Even in these early days when funds were needed so much in the furtherance of our own church work the Trustees saw fit to share with others. It is indeed commendable.

Pastor Brodt was succeeded by Pastor Herman H. Fleeer, who ministered to the Congregation from April, 1907, to the latter part of April, 1911. It was during Rev. Fleeer's term as Pastor that the house and thirty-three foot frontage adjoining the Church to the north, were purchased for the sum of \$3500.00. This served as the Parsonage for

several years. The financing of the purchase of this property was handled by selling sixteen shares, at \$250.00 each, to the church members to be redeemed when funds were available. The treasurer's report showed total receipts for the year of 1908 amounting to \$1298.34 and the expenses for the same period \$1161.47. In February, 1909, the Sunday School teachers asked permission for the children to sing hymns written in the English language. The decision was left to their own discretion.



MRS. AND PASTOR H. H. FLEER

In May, 1911, Pastor Fleer moved with his family to the South Side and continued his Pastorate at the Salem Evangelical Church.

At a special Congregational meeting held on May 23, 1911, Rev. H. Specht from Crystal Lake, Illinois, was unanimously accepted to serve as our Pastor. He had preached a trial sermon the previous Sunday and proved to the satisfaction of the Congregation that he could preach in

either the German or English language. He received a salary of \$50.00 per month and free rent of the Parsonage, but it was his duty to furnish an organist. Rev. Specht remained as our Pastor until the latter part of May, 1912.

On June 1, 1912, Pastor John Hoffmeister began his Pastorate in our Church and remained until the first of September, 1913.

As in most churches there were periods of time when the going was rough, when the attendance seemed to dwindle and the finances dwindled with it. At one time it almost became necessary to sell the twenty-five feet of vacant property to the south of the Church. But this group of "old timers" had what it takes, they seemed to know how to accept and overcome difficulties. During one period of financial stress Mr. George H. Weideling, who was President of the Congregation for many years, and his brother Fred loaned the Church \$1000.00 without interest to help defray the necessary expense of running the Church.

November 2, 1913, is a memorable and important day in the history of our Church, for it was then that Rev. Reinhard B. Fiedler assumed the duties as our Pastor. He was born in Chicago, Illinois, on August 16, 1890. He studied theology at Elmhurst College and the Eden Seminary in St. Louis. Previously he was Pastor of St. John's Evangelical Church in Highland Park, Illinois. Under the able and consecrated leadership of Rev. Fiedler there was a decided forward movement. The Church again enjoyed a prosperous period and was in a much better financial condition.



At the Congregational meeting held on January 4, 1914, it was decided to have German services the first, third and fifth, and English services the second and fourth Sunday mornings of each month in the future. Also to have evening services the first and third Sunday of each month in the English language. Then toward the last of the meeting came an important question, "What will be our next move to get a more modern place in which to worship?" A free for all discussion followed and all seemed to think well of the idea that they should soon make a start in that direction.

In November, 1915, our loyal friend, Louis H. Wehringer, became our organist. He also assumed direction of the Choir. His capable leadership over the period of years contributed much in helping to enrich our services.

On a beautiful Sunday afternoon, March 19, 1916, the Congregation

and its many friends had the pleasure of dedicating the new Parsonage which was a gift from Mrs. Frederick Kloeckner and her sister, Miss Anna Dieckmann. The following remarks made by Mrs. Kloeckner to Rev. Fiedler were an impressive part of the ceremony:

"With hearts overflowing with gratitude to our Heavenly Father, my sister and I are pleased today to hand you this key to the Parsonage which by the Grace of God we were permitted to erect and donate to the service of the Church we both love with loyal devotion. As Samuel of Old has said, 'Until now God has been with us' and in this solemn moment we pray that He may continue His watchful care over this Congregation and all the children of men".

Rev. Fiedler accepted the key to the Parsonage and expressed his deep appreciation to the sisters for their kindness and generosity.

With the entrance of our country in the World War, many of our young men responded to the call of the colors and our prayers went forth for their safe return. Up to this time we were holding services in both the German and English languages, but there seemed to be a growing demand by the younger generation for English services only. Both the attendance and the finances were so much better at our English services that at a special Congregational meeting held on April 17, 1918, it was decided to discontinue the German Services. This change caused some of the older German families to remain away from Church, but the loss in attendance was more than offset by the large increase of those that wanted the English Services.

At a regular Congregational meeting held on Tuesday, March 11, 1919, news came that we were to have a new Church. I wish I could express more adequately the joy that was shared by the members in attendance when a resolution was read whereas: Lucinda Kloeckner and Anna Dieckmann are desirous of erecting a church building to be known as the Kloeckner Memorial Evangelical Church. The dream of these two Sisters was at last to become a reality. Out of the graciousness of their hearts this edifice was to be erected to the Glory of God and to the loving memory of Frederick Kloeckner.

Farewell Services were held in the old Church and the property finally disposed of, but pleasant and sacred memories still linger on in the hearts and minds of those who worshipped in "The Old Wooden Church".

On behalf of the Congregation,

Respectfully,

CLARENCE F. FRASE



REV. REINHARD B. FIEDLER

The Rev. Mr. Reinhard B. Fiedler was born August 16, 1890, in Chicago, Illinois. His parents, Edward and Augusta Fiedler, were for many years faithful members of Nazareth Evangelical Church. After receiving his primary education in parochial and public schools, he entered Elmhurst College at the age of 14 and graduated June 16, 1908. In the fall of the same year he entered Eden Seminary and graduated June 14, 1911. He was ordained to the ministry on August 20, 1911 in Nazareth Evangelical Church, Chicago. He was united in marriage to Miss Elsie Kiessling on November 13, 1912. This happy union was blessed with three children: Ruth, who died at the age of two years, Norman and Laverne.

Rev. Fiedler found his first field of labor as a minister of the Gospel in St. John's Evangelical Church, Highland Park, Illinois. On the 2nd of November, 1913, he was called to the pulpit of our church. During the 25 years of his ministry the present parsonage and the new church were built. For fifteen years he served on the board of directors of The Evangelical Home for Children and Aged at Bensenville, nine of them as its president.

On Tuesday, May 17, 1938, at 2:30 o'clock the Heavenly Father suddenly called him home. He was laid to rest in Eden Cemetery, May 21, 1938.

*This Edifice is Erected to the Glory of God
in Loving Memory of*

FREDERICK KLOECKNER

by

LUCINDA KLOECKNER

and

ANNA DIECKMANN

1919 - 1920

REV. R. B. FIEDLER

Pastor

*I love Thy Church, O God;
Her walls before Thee stand,
Dear as the apple of Thine eye
And graven on Thy hand.*

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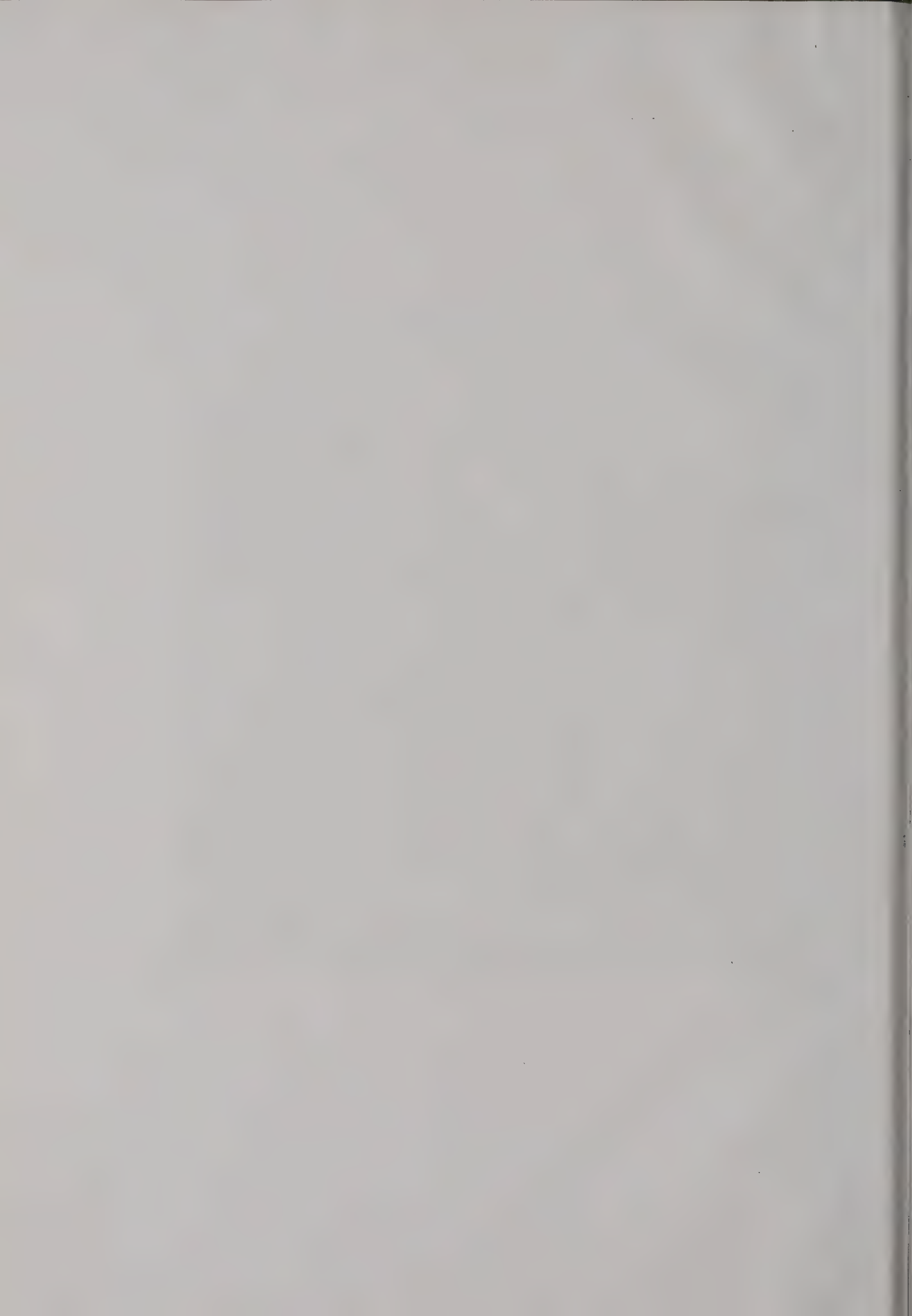
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OUR CHURCH



OUR NEW CHURCH

WRITTEN BY HELEN RESSLER

The beautiful edifice in which we have the privilege to worship was presented to us by Mrs. Lucinda Kloeckner and her sister, Miss Anna Dieckmann. Through this magnificent gift they expressed their faith and gratitude to God. It was built as a memorial to Mr. Frederick Kloeckner who went to his heavenly home in 1912. What could be a more fitting and beautiful tribute to the memory of a loved one than a church built to the glory of God?

On Sunday, September 21, 1919, at four o'clock, an unusually large gathering witnessed the laying of the cornerstone of our new church. The music for the occasion was furnished by St. Paul's Choir and our own church chorus under the direction of Jos. A. Schwickerath and Louis Wehringer. Rev. J. Pister and Rev. R. John took part in the service which preceded the laying of the stone. Surrounded by his people, among them the donors of the church building and the members of the church council, the pastor, Rev. R. B. Fiedler, guided the stone into place. In connection with this ceremony he used an ivory gavel which had been especially made and carved for the occasion. Later this gavel was presented to the donors as an expression of gratitude and as a memento of the happy day.

The hymns, "The Church's One Foundation" and "Now Thank We All Our God", were sung by the congregation after which Mrs. Kloeckner delivered the following message:

"Friends: To me this is indeed a wonderful occasion. It means not merely the laying of a cornerstone of a new church, but the beginning of the full realization of my life's fondest hope.

"Men have been known to erect a sanctuary unto the Lord out of a multitude of reasons. As for me, our gift is a simple expression, out of the fullness of our hearts, in memory of one whom we held most dear, and an acknowledgment of God's mercy and God's goodness which is over all His works.

"May the structure, whose foundation we have this day laid, rise in beauty and strength to fulfill the purpose for which it is in our hearts to dedicate it."

On Sunday, September 12, 1920, with grateful hearts to Almighty God, we gathered within the portals of our new Church where the very impressive Dedication Service took place. After the singing of the

hymn, "God of Might We Praise Thy Name", and the choir anthem, "Fear Not, O Israel", the donors presented the church for dedication with the following words by Mrs. Kloeckner:

"Dear friends, my thought in religion is best expressed by the Psalmist when he said, 'I shall not die but live and declare the deeds of the Lord.'

"It is not hard to die for our faith. It is not hard to give up all that life offers for our religion. The history of mankind shows that millions upon millions of men have made themselves martyrs for a principle.

"To me the greatest thing in life is to live to declare God's goodness and to testify by our every action to our appreciation of all the blessings our heavenly Father has showered upon us.

"As a token of my love for my Creator, as an act of my devotion to His cause, as well as in memory of one who in life I held dearest, my sister and I have built this edifice and now present it that it may be dedicated for the service and worship of the Triune God.

"May it ever stand to render its service in the advancement of Christ's kingdom and to the glory of His name. May the light of God's word that shines here remain ever undimmed, and fill thousands of hearts with its holy radiance."

May peace be within this sacred place
And joy a constant guest;
With holy gifts and heavenly grace
Be her attendants blessed.
My soul shall pray for Zion still,
While life and breath remain,
There my best friends, my kindred dwell,
There God, my Saviour reigns.

Rev. Fiedler received this gift on behalf of the congregation and proceeded with the dedication ceremony, according to the simple and dignified Evangelical ritual:

Minister: To the glory of God, our Father, by whose favor we have builded this house, a Temple of Prayer and Praise, a home for Fellowship in the bonds of Love, an altar for inspiration of the spirit of service for His Kingdom's sake.

People: We dedicate this house.

Minister: For the remembering of Him whose body was broken and whose blood was shed that He might redeem us from all sin.

People: We dedicate this house.

Minister: For the opening of our lives to the coming of the Holy Spirit our Comforter and Guide, who claims our bodies as His Temples, clean of hand, pure of heart and strong to do God's holy will.

People: We dedicate this house.



Laying of Cornerstone — Sunday, September 21, 1919

Minister: For the preaching of the gospel to the poor; for the healing of the broken-hearted; for the delivering of the captives and the recovering of sight to the blind; for the setting at liberty of them that are bound, and the preaching of the acceptable year of the Lord.

People: We dedicate this house.

Minister: "Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, to Thee, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, do we consecrate and dedicate this house that it may be the habitation of Thy Name and the place where Thy glory dwelleth." Amen

The speaker of the day was Rev. H. J. Schick, president of Elmhurst College, who spoke on "The Great Purpose of God's House."

The memorial tablet was then unveiled by the president of the congregation, Mr. George Weideling. The tablet reads, "Erected to the glory of God in loving memory of Frederick Kloeckner by Lucinda Kloeckner and Anna Dieckman 1919-1920. Rev. R. B. Fiedler, Pastor." The tablet now hangs in the foyer of the church. Greetings from the visiting pastors and the hymn, "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord", by the congregation closed the service in a fitting manner, after which a delicious supper was served to the guests.

In the evening service Pastors A. Glade of Nazareth Church and Jacob Pister of St. Paul's Church delivered inspiring addresses.

Architecturally the church is one of the most beautiful in the city. The style is Tudor Gothic, and the building is modern in every respect. In the front are two graceful and beautifully proportioned towers, the larger of which is 65 feet in height. The interior with a seating capacity of 600 is decorated in a charming and dignified manner. Distinctive features are the large and elegant cathedral windows, representing Hoffman's "Good Shepherd", "Christ Blessing the Children", and "Christ in Gethsemane."

With the inspiration of the beautiful new church, and under the able leadership of its pastor, the congregation registered a steady growth.

On September 15, 1935, the congregation joined in the celebration of the fifteenth anniversary of the dedication of the new church. Rev. Frederick Schroeder, Pastor of Tabor Evangelical Church, was the guest speaker. On Wednesday of that week there was an evening service at which a musical program was given by our organist Miss Marie Ed-

wards and other artists. On Thursday afternoon at the meeting of the Ladies' Aid, Rev. William Krause, superintendent of the Evangelical Home for Children and Aged at Bensenville, was the guest speaker. Anniversary week was ended on Friday with a supper served by the



FREDERICK KLOECKNER

men of the congregation. Included in the evening program was a playlet entitled "Fun In the Schoolroom."

When the interior of our beautiful church needed redecorating, Mrs. Kloeckner and Miss Dieckmann not only agreed to have it cleaned and painted, but also to have the chancel completely remodeled with a new altar, pulpit, and lectern. A six foot carved wood statue of

Christ, with arms outstretched, was to be set in the background above the altar. The pulpit was to be moved to the south side of the chancel and the lectern to the north. The color of the background was to be a heavenly blue.

Rev. Fiedler spent a great deal of time and energy planning this project. Before it was completed he was called from his earthly tasks to his eternal rest and reward. The sudden passing of Rev. Fiedler was a terrible shock to members and friends.

Surrounded by ferns and many floral tributes, Rev. Fiedler lay in state in front of the altar. The church was filled to capacity with relatives and friends who came to pay their last respects to a man whom they had admired and respected.

Let us not mourn his going; let us rejoice to know
That his earthly labors are ended—he was prepared to go.
Let us emulate his virtues, that each of us may say—
The world is brighter, yes even better, because he passed our way.

The dedication and unveiling of the chancel took place on Sunday, September 11, 1938. The chancel was given to the church by Mrs. Kloeckner and Miss Dieckmann in loving memory of the late Rev. R. B. Fiedler. It was accepted in behalf of the congregation by William E. Nimz, president of the church council.

While the congregation was without a Pastor, Mr. Maiwald, our Parish Worker, carried most of the burden of leadership. For many years a member of our church, he was always interested in the spiritual welfare of our Congregation and spared no effort to further God's work among us. He continued to serve faithfully as Parish Worker until March 5, 1943, when he resigned to take a position in the business world.

On December 18, 1938, we had the pleasure of hearing Rev. William L. Moenkhaus preach a trial sermon. Immediately following the service the congregation unanimously elected him as pastor of our Church. Rev. Moenkhaus was called from Scranton, Pennsylvania, where he was prominent not only in denominational work, but also earned high commendation in his interdenominational work and civic welfare activities.



He and his wife, Hertha, and their three sons, William, Robert, and James, moved to Chicago the latter part of February, and on Sunday, March 5, 1939, he preached his first sermon as pastor of our Church. A capacity crowd greeted him and judging from the smiles on all the faces, the congregation was happy in again finding a splendid leader.

The installation took place on Sunday, April 16, 1939, at 3:00 P. M. Preceded by the choir singing the processional, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," Rev. Moenkhaus entered the sanctuary with Dr. Timothy Lehmann, president of Elmhurst College, Rev. Frederick Schroeder, president of the North Illinois Synod, and Dr. Thomas Clare, who had served several months as interim pastor. He took his place before the altar which was beautifully decorated with ferns and flowers. The altar service was conducted by Dr. Clare, the sermon delivered by Rev. Schroeder and the rite of installation performed by Dr. Lehmann.

After the service a reception was held in the social hall where the members and their friends were privileged to meet and welcome the Pastor and his family into our midst. When all were seated at the beautifully decorated tables our president, Mr. Emil Kuehfuss, introduced Mr. Arthur Balfanz who delivered the address of welcome. He concluded with the words:

May your pathway of life among us be smooth
And every effort that brightens the way
Be crowned with success, is the wish of your friends
On this, your installation day.

Seated at the Pastor's side, looking very charming and sweet, was his wife. His mother was also very happy to be present to share the joys of the occasion.

In the latter part of 1941, with the world again at unrest, many of our young men were called into the service of our country. During these trying times they were often in our thoughts and we prayed for God's guidance and sustaining presence upon them. Copies of the Chimes and the Upper Room, packages of homemade cookies, and letters of good cheer were sent them. It was our constant prayer that the war would soon end and that our boys would again return to the tasks of peace.

On Sunday, October 24, 1943, at 11:00 A.M., members and friends of our congregation gathered in the Sanctuary to observe the Fortieth Anniversary of our church. Our three choirs opened the service with a processional hymn, "Holy, Holy, Holy". The "Call to Worship" by Rev. Moenkhaus followed. The congregation's singing of the hymn, "The Church's One Foundation", and the beautiful anthem, "My Defense is of God", rendered by the choir, preceded the inspiring message by Rev. A. J. Munsterman, Superintendent of the Bensenville Home. Helen Ressler sang "God is My Strength" and the service was brought to a close by the three choirs singing "We Would Be Building."

The Fortieth Anniversary Dinner was held in the church Social Hall on Wednesday, October 27, 1943, at 6:30 P.M. The tables were beautifully decorated in fall colors and a delicious meal was enjoyed by those who attended. Several of the old timers present were called upon to do a little reminiscing. The highlight of the evening was a



series of tableaux depicting some of the historical events of the church in its early days. Judging from the laughter and applause the evening's fellowship was enjoyed by all.

There was a "Happy Birthday" surprise party for a dear little lady on the evening of November 19, 1943, at 6:30 P.M. A group of happy members and friends gathered in the Social Hall to honor Mrs. Kloeckner on her 90th birthday. Was she surprised? One look at her sweet, smiling face gave us the answer. It was an evening long to be remembered. After partaking of a delicious supper prepared by the Ladies' Aid, the master of ceremonies, Mr. George Norris, took over. Guests asked to speak were Rev. Munsterman, Rev. Moenkhaus, Mr. Frase, and last but not least Mrs. Kloeckner.

The church council, in behalf of the congregation, presented a baptismal font to be placed in the chancel in honor of Mrs. Kloeckner's 90th birthday. The choir, under the direction of Miss Marie Edwards, sang several numbers appropriate for the occasion. "Happy Birthday" was also sung for Rev. Moenkhaus whose birthday falls on the same date. After the Lord's Prayer and the singing of "Blest Be the Tie That Binds", a tired, but happy little lady went home to dream about a beautiful evening.

In 1945 Pew Communion was introduced to our church for the first time. Because of the beauty and reverence of this service, Pew Communion was adopted, and since then we have been approaching the Lord's Table together. We observe the Holy Sacrament of Communion four times a year, Easter, Reformation, World-Wide Service and Christmas.

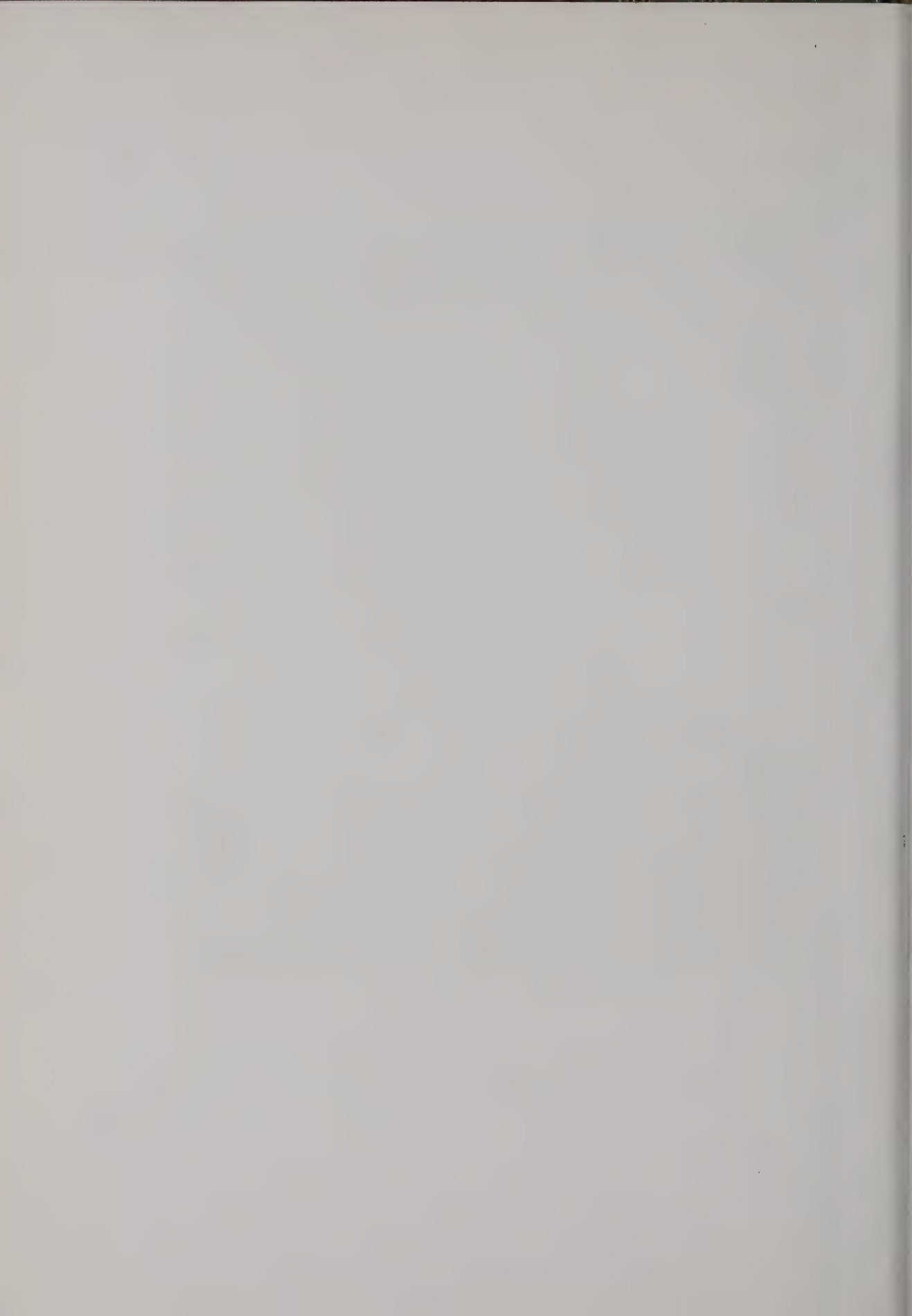
In 1947 a new fluorescent lighting system was installed in the Social Hall and the Church School Room. The sanctuary and adjoining rooms were redecorated and beautiful maroon carpeting replaced the old.

It was this year that our church lost two of its very faithful workers, when our former Parish Worker Mr. Richard Maiwald and his wife decided to move to California. A farewell party was given in the Social Hall on Friday, April 18, 1947, in their honor. The kind words of Rev. Moenkhaus and a purse which had been subscribed by members and friends made this farewell gathering one of the most cherished memories of their lives.

At the November 14, 1948, service the new superfrontal for the altar and the hangings for the pulpit and lectern were dedicated. Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Everson were the donors. In the words of the dedica-



PASTOR WILLIAM L. MOENKHAUS



tion service, "The donors are presenting them to the church as a token of their love and loyalty to Christ and their church; in acknowledgment of the mercy of God and the Christian friendship which they have experienced within these sacred walls; and as an expression of the esteem in which they held Mr. Richard Maiwald for his interest in their spiritual welfare while he was serving as Parish Worker." Mr. Maiwald went to his Eternal Home on December 22, 1947.

On Sunday, March 6, 1949, we celebrated Rev. Moenkhaus's tenth anniversary as pastor of our church. Rev. A. J. Munsterman, Superintendent of the Bensenville Home, and a personal friend of Rev. Moenkhaus, preached the sermon. The choir sang "Send Out Thy Light" by Gounod, which is the favorite anthem of Rev. Moenkhaus. Two beautiful baskets of flowers graced the chancel, one from the Board of Directors at Bensenville and the other from our church council. Just before the close of the service, representatives of the various church organizations and members of the church council came forward and Mr. Raymond Binder, president of the congregation, expressed the best wishes of the people and presented a bouquet of long stemmed roses and a gift of money to Rev. Moenkhaus. The service was well planned and was enjoyed by all.

Our church took an active part in the raising of funds to help build an addition to our Bensenville Home. The present building, which was erected fifty-two years ago, had become inadequate and in many cases aged persons requiring nursing care had to be turned away. The overall cost of the new building was to be about \$700,000 of which \$300,000 was on hand. Our congregation was asked to raise \$3000, and to this amount Bensenville would subsidize \$2000 making a total of \$5000 which would cover the cost of the construction of one room. Mr. Richard McCarthy was chosen as Chairman of the Bensenville Building Fund Committee of our church. Our members were generous and responded with much enthusiasm and within a short period of time our Chairman was proud to announce that we had reached our goal and that in addition Mrs. Kloeckner and Miss Dieckmann had provided funds enough for the construction of two more rooms. It might be well to mention here that the cornerstone for this new addition was finally laid on Sunday, July 26, 1953.

We were all saddened on Sunday morning, March 20, 1949, when we learned that Miss Anna Dieckmann had passed on to her eternal reward after a long illness. She was born in Chicago on July 27, 1860. She had been a resident of Chicago her entire life, the last thirty-nine years of which she spent in Austin. After a simple funeral service in the church that she and her sister had built, Miss Dieckmann was laid to rest in Waldheim Cemetery March 23, 1949.

"They never quite leave us, our friends who have passed
Through the shadows of Death to the sunlight above.
A thousand bright memories are holding them fast,
To the places they blessed with their presence and love."

Rev. and Mrs. Moenkhaus celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary on Sunday, February 12, 1950, at 4:30 P.M. Members of the congregation and guests of the Moenkhaus family gathered in the Sanctuary to witness a brief, but very impressive re-consecration ceremony, conducted by Rev. Robert Stanger, the pastor who performed the original ceremony. A delicious buffet supper and social evening followed in the Social Hall of the church. The happy couple was presented with a gift of a beautiful silver service from their many friends.

A special dedication of our new Bulletin Board, which was the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Binder, took place during the morning service on Sunday, April 1, 1951. The following words were used in the ceremony: "The Gospel which we proclaim is 'Good News'. It is a light to the world and joy to all human hearts. From the earliest days the Christian Church has used many devices to publish good news. It has used the pulpit, religious symbols, song, the printed page and printed announcements. Therefore to the enlightenment of this community, to further the efficiency of this church that all men who pass this way may have an invitation to worship God and find Jesus Christ, and to the truth revealed through the Holy Spirit, we dedicate this bulletin board."

Mrs. Lucinda Kloeckner, in her ninety-seventh year, was called to her Heavenly Home on Friday, June 8, 1951. She was born in Demen, Germany, and came to Chicago at the age of three years with her parents, the Carl Dieckmanns, and an older brother. She attended the old Wells School which was located at Augusta Boulevard and Ash-

land Avenue. It was in Chicago that she met her husband, Frederick Kloeckner, and they were married here on January 13, 1876. Mr. Kloeckner, who was also born in Germany, was a dry goods merchant on Milwaukee Avenue for many years. Two sons, Otto and Ernest, also preceded Mrs. Kloeckner in death. After lying in state at the altar of our church she was laid to rest in Waldheim Cemetery on June 12, 1951.

"There is an open gate at the end of the road
Through which each must go alone
And there in the light we cannot see
Our Father claims his own.

Beyond the gate your loved one
Finds happiness and rest
And there is comfort in the thought
That a Loving God knows best."

She was endeared to us all by her quiet, Christian way of life. "Every noble life leaves the fibre of it interwoven forever in the work of the world."

In the early part of January, 1953, a Fiftieth Anniversary Committee was organized with Clarence F. Frase as the chairman. This committee is composed of members of the church council and the leading representatives of the various church organizations. It has been meeting regularly to formulate the plans for celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of our church.

Much thought was given to the beautification of our church for its Golden Jubilee Year, and at the February meeting it was decided to raise, through subscriptions, a budget of \$6675.00, this to be called our Church Beautification Fund. The Ladies' Aid Society started the drive by contributing \$1000.00 of this amount for the purchase of new chairs for our Social Hall. The Women's Guild followed with a contribution of \$275.00 for the purchase of new curtains for the stage. Mr. Richard McCarthy was chosen to act as chairman of our Anniversary Budget Committee, and the entire church membership was given the opportunity to participate in helping to raise the balance of \$5400.00. At our July meeting it was very gratifying to hear the good news that our goal had been reached. Our members are to be commended for the generous way they responded to this appeal.

On May 25, 1953, work was started in the Sanctuary. The entire chancel has been completely redecorated. The ceiling above the altar is a dusty pink and the walls are a deep sky blue. On either side of the reredos are ecclesiastical panels showing the symbols of the twelve apostles. The description of these symbols will be found elsewhere in this book. The walls of the church proper are finished in a chartreuse green and dainty stencils outline the windows. The colors used in redecorating our church were blended to match the colors of our beautiful church windows. The walls in the Kindergarten Room are a soft green. The Social Hall has been decorated in two shades of blue and its beauty enhanced with a new acoustical ceiling and a gray asphalt tile floor.

A beautiful Fiftieth Anniversary Book is being prepared which will contain interesting historical data of the past fifty years.

Many special programs will take place during October which has been designated as our Anniversary Month. Topping the list is our Fiftieth Anniversary Service which will be held on Sunday, October 18, 1953, at 11:00 A.M. The festivities of our "Golden Jubilee Year" will come to a climax at our Fiftieth Anniversary Dinner on Friday, October 23, 1953.

Under the leadership and guidance of Rev. Moenkhaus our Congregation has continued to grow. The matter of Christian Education of the younger folks has been given a great deal of attention. The Family Altar Worship and the attendance at the Lord's Table has also been greatly stressed.

We pray God's richest blessings upon our Pastor and our Congregation. May we, by His Grace, be permitted to make this a Glorious Fiftieth Jubilee for our beloved church and its congregation.

"Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love—
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above."

Respectfully,
Helen Ressler.

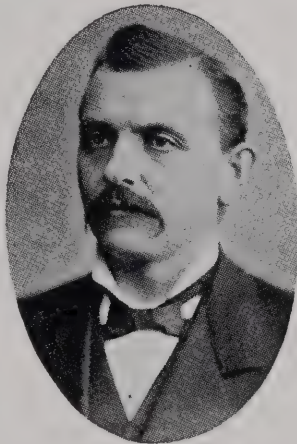
In Memoriam



Anna Dieckmann
July 27, 1860
March 20, 1949



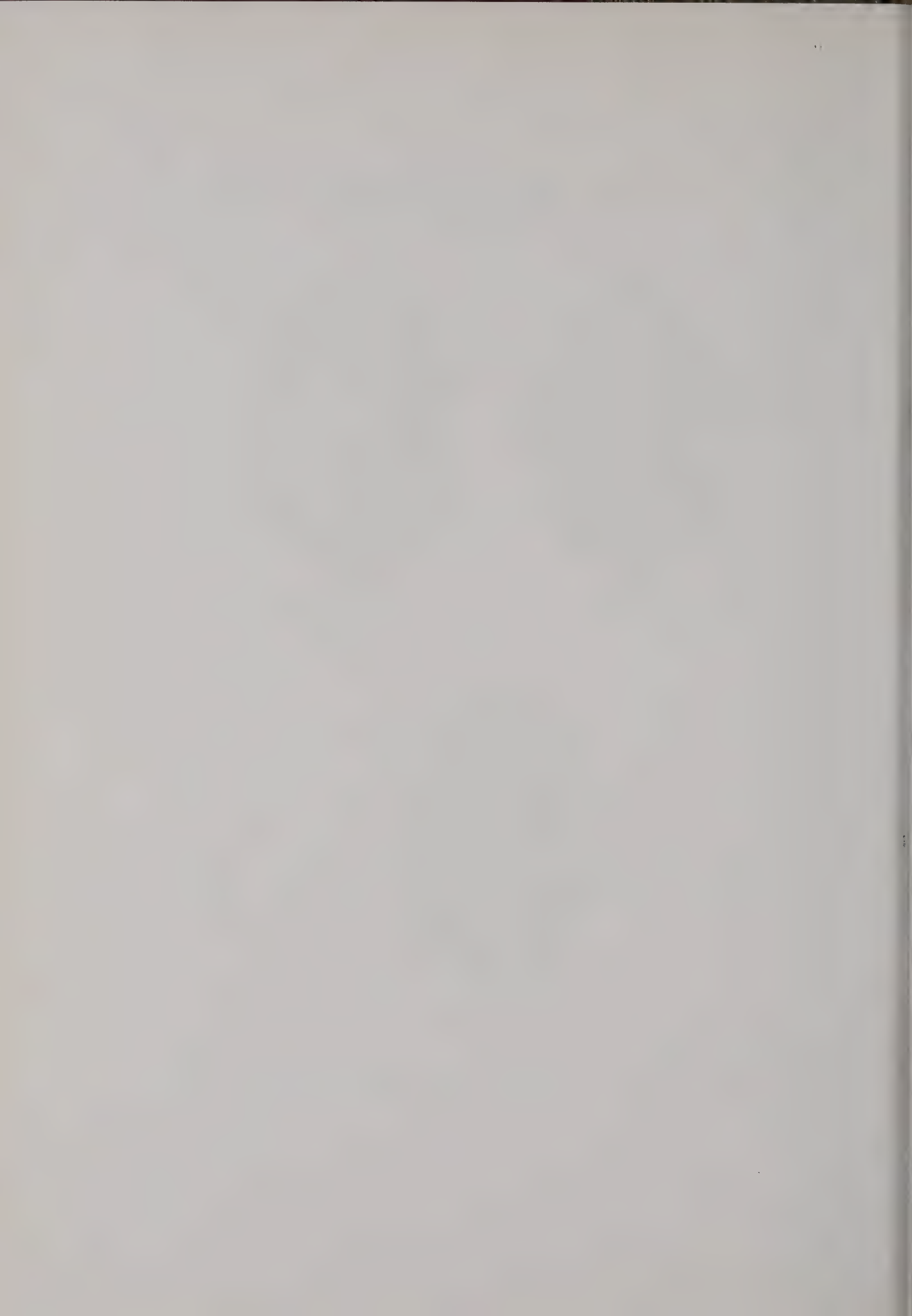
Lucinda Kloeckner
Nov. 19, 1853
June 8, 1951



Frederick Kloeckner
January 28, 1845
May 7, 1912

"I shall not die but live and declare the deeds of the Lord!"

PSALM 118:17



COME UNTO ME

Abide in Me and I in You

As a Branch Cannot Bear

Fruit of Itself

Except it Abide in the Vine

So Neither Can Ye

Except Ye Abide in Me

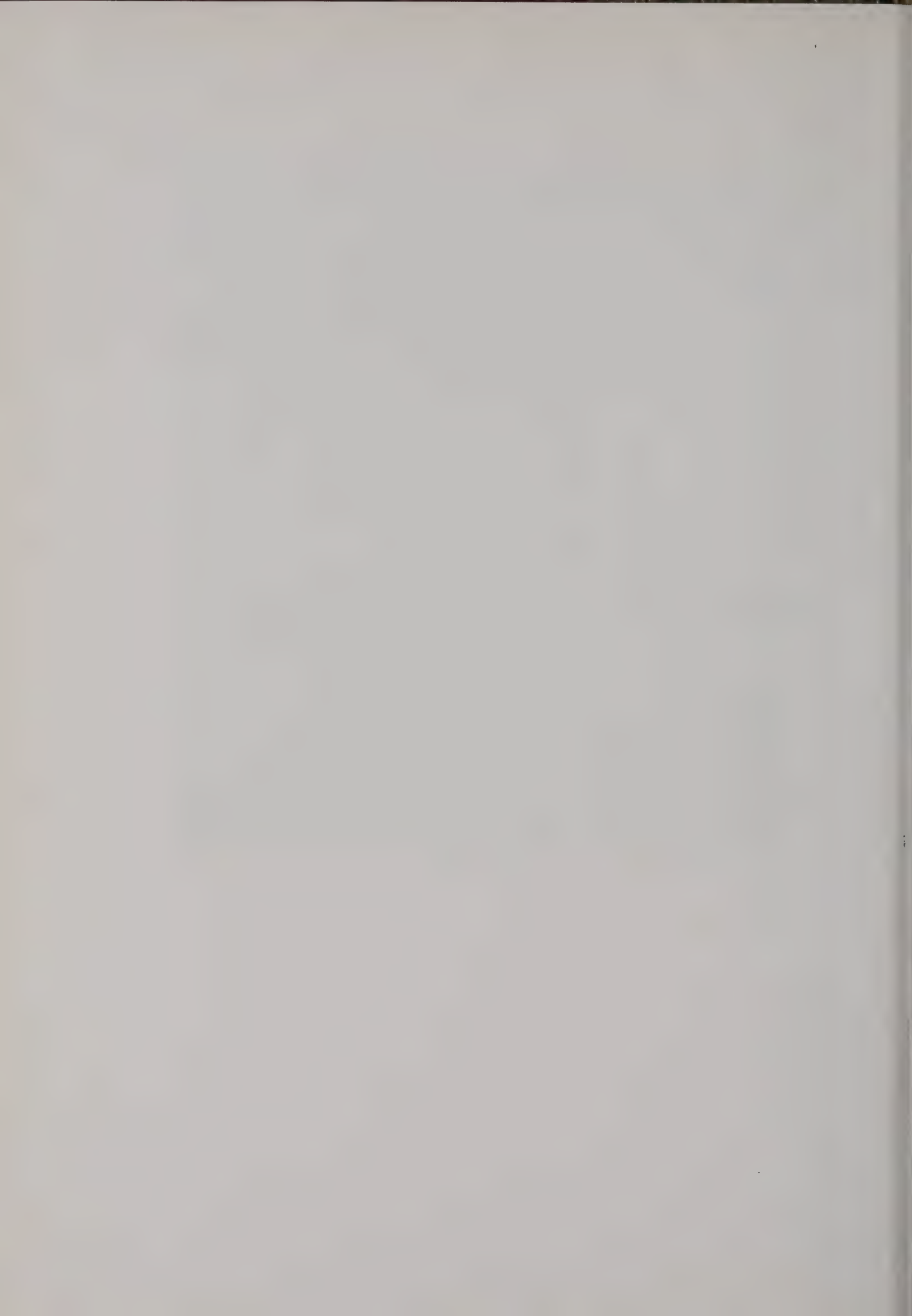


The Chancel of this church was given by Mrs. Lucinda Kloeckner and Miss Anna Diekmann, to the glory of God and in loving memory of our departed friend and pastor, the Rev. Mr. Reinhard B. Fiedler, whose inspiration, interest and love played such a great part in the erection of this beautiful chancel.





THE CHANCEL



SYMBOLS

In this world of time and space and material things men need signs and symbols to remind them of spiritual truths. For this reason men erect for God an earthly habitation which symbolizes the spiritual realm. No building could imprison God's Spirit which is present throughout the vast universe, but a holy place dedicated to His worship enables men more readily to meet that Presence and commune with Him.

Our church, like most churches, has three main parts: Narthex, the porch or vestibule through which one enters the church; Nave, the main body of the church often called the Sanctuary, containing the pews for worshipers; Chancel, where the altar stands. The altar is the table of the Lord's Supper and the throne of the Divine Presence.

On the panels of the altar are the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet, Alpha and Omega which are the symbols of Christ (Rev. 21:6). The IHS monogram is formed by the first three letters of the name "Jesus" in Greek.

The hanging which covers the front of the altar is the Frontal. This adds color and richness. It goes back to ancient times when the altar was covered by a canopy. Over the altar and extending down the sides is a "fair linen cloth" symbolical of the linen in which the body of Jesus was wrapped. The book of worship is on a missal stand or altar desk.

On the back part of the altar is the retable or shelf upon which rests the Cross which is the banner of Christ and the symbol of His redeeming life and sacrifice on Calvary. This is properly the empty cross rather than the crucifix, for it is the risen and ascended Lord whose Presence we meet at the table. Two candles represent Christ, the light of the world in His human and His divine nature.

Flowers are placed near the altar as offerings of beauty to God from His gifts of nature.

Behind and above the altar is the reredos. The figure of Christ with extended arms suggests the inscription below it, "Come Unto Me." The symbols shown here are a sheaf of wheat and a bunch of grapes representing the elements of the Lord's Supper. At the very top is the Chi Rho, the first part of the name "Christ" in Greek.

On either side of the reredos are ecclesiastical panels with the symbols of the apostles. From left to right and top to bottom they are:

LEFT PANEL

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| ST. PETER | —The keys recall his confession of faith, and our Lord's saying regarding the keys committed to the church. |
| ST. THOMAS | —The carpenter's square and spear refer to the story of a church he built in India, and his death by a spear. |
| ST. JAMES,
the Elder | —The pilgrim's staff and wallet represent him as a missionary traveler. |
| ST. MATTHEW | —The three purses refer to his career as a tax collector before he was called to be a disciple. |
| ST. SIMON | —A fish, lying on a book, showing him as a fisher of men by the power of the Word. |
| ST. JUDE | —A sailboat shows him as a tireless traveler overseas in his missionary work. |

RIGHT PANEL

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| ST. JOHN | —Emblem assigned to St. John is a coiled serpent in a chalice because an attempt was made on his life through a poisoned chalice. |
| ST. ANDREW | —He is believed to have died on a cross of this shape, X. Sometimes his symbol is a fisherman's net or a boat hook. |
| ST. PHILIP | —The leaves symbolize his remark at the feeding of the multitude. |
| ST. BARTHOLOMEW | —The knife represents the instrument by which he is said to have been put to death. |
| ST. JAMES,
the Less | —The saw represents the instrument by which it is thought he was put to death. |
| ST. MATTHIAS | —He was chosen to take the place of Judas among the twelve. |

On the south wall of the chancel appears the symbol of the Lord's Supper; the Host in the center of the cross above the Chalice.

On the north wall is the symbol of Baptism; the scallop shell with three drops of water indicating the threefold use of the names of the three persons in the Holy Trinity. On the pictured font are the IHS, first three letters of the name "Jesus" in Greek, the cross and the symbol of the Trinity, the triangle.

On the lectern, the desk from which the scripture lessons are read, is the symbol of St. John the Evangelist, the eagle.

On the pulpit are the symbols of St. Matthew the Evangelist, a winged man, symbol of the manhood of the Master, which Matthew emphasized; St. Mark, a winged lion, symbol of strength, and St. Luke, a winged ox, symbol of sacrifice.

The three art glass windows, which beautify the church, picture Jesus as the Good Shepherd, Jesus Blessing the Little Children and Jesus in Gethsemane.

Our church speaks a message in the language of symbolism. To one "that hath ears to hear" the church may say as we approach, "My house shall be called a house of prayer for all people." The doorway exhorts, "Enter into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise." In the accents of our Lord the door declares: "I am the Door; if by me any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out and find pasture."

As we pass through the door, the sanctuary greets us: "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God of hosts; The whole earth is full of his glory." The altar proclaims: "Then will I go unto the altar of God, unto God my exceeding joy." "This do in remembrance of me." The cross upon the altar in one wondrous word tells the whole story of our Lord's life and death; and vividly challenges: "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me." The candles sing: "I am the light of the world." The lectern with the Bible declares: "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." The pulpit affirms: "The word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's." The organ chants: "Praise him with the timbrel; praise him with stringed instruments and organs." The vestments of minister and choir members distinguish "ministers of His that do His pleasure." The windows of stained and leaded glass preach their own particular sermons; and the memorials sing, "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

The more profoundly one appreciates the significance of the church and its furnishings, the greater will be his reverence for it, and the more truly will it become for him God's house of prayer.



My Church

Because of my church, my community is a better community and my country is a better country.

Because of my church, my responsibilities are greater responsibilities, my opportunities are larger opportunities, my Christian privileges are divine privileges among my fellow citizens.

Because of my church, I worship God with the fellowship of like-minded believers as all free spiritual men do.

Because of my church, I nourish my soul on God's life-giving word, which is essential to my spiritual life as bread is to my body.

Because of my church, I can more gracefully carry out our Lord's commission to be a witness for Him in all parts of the earth, thus sharing in the the only hope for peace on earth and good will among men.

Because of my church, and her ministry to my soul, I offer my loyalty to her through faithful attendance and a joyful participation in all her activities. My heart-sprung prayers, my contributions, my support, my devoted life and service are hers for the advancement of the witness of our Lord and for His glory.

C. W. LONG



CHURCH COUNCIL

The government of our church is vested in a church council composed of the pastor and twelve members. Members of the council are elected at the annual meeting of the congregation. At the first meeting after their election they organize themselves by electing a president, vice president, recording secretary, financial secretary, and treasurer.

In the words of the installation service, it is the duty of the council members to "lead an exemplary life; to see that the purity of the Gospel in preaching and practice be maintained; that proper discipline be



CHURCH COUNCIL

Top Row, Left to Right: George Hoeck, Harry Ingalls, Roy Enstrom, Theodore Zumbrook (Treasurer), Henry Mueller, George Hoover, Homer Mittelstadt (Financial Secretary), and Elger G. Wells, Sr. (Recording Secretary). *Bottom Row, Left to Right:* Arthur Raguse, Albert Bowman (Vice President), Rev. Wm. L. Moenkhaus, William Smith (President), and Clarence F. Frase.

exercised; that peace and harmony among the members be cultivated; that the temporal affairs of the congregation be properly administered; and that all possible assistance be rendered to the upbuilding of the kingdom of God at home and abroad."

The first council, which was elected after the congregation was organized in 1903, consisted of six members. By 1910 this had been increased to twelve. This number was maintained until 1915 when the council consisted of seven: two elders, two deacons and three trustees. At a special meeting of the congregation on January 23, 1927, the number was again increased to twelve: four deacons, four elders and four trustees. At the annual meeting in 1935 the terms elders, deacons and trustees were dropped and the twelve members elected were called council members.

The following is a list of council men and officers together with the years of service:

PRESIDENT

George Schildge	1903-1906	Emil Kuehfuss	1939-1940
Ferdinand Quast	1907	Raymond Rowe	1941-1942
George Weideling	1908-1927	Clarence F. Frase	1943-1944
William Coughlin	1928-1930	Walter Krueger	1945-1946
Adolf P. Heilmann	1931-1932	Richard McCarthy	1947-1948
Henry Mueller	1933-1934	Raymond Binder	1949-1950
Arthur Tribke	1935-1936	Ralph Schoen	1951-1952
William Nimz	1937-1938	William Smith	1953

VICE PRESIDENT

W. Schumacher	1911-1912	Henry Mueller	1935
Theo. Massmann	1913-1914	William Nimz	1936
L. A. Krafft	1915	Emil Kuehfuss	1937-1938
Emil Frase	1916-1917	Walter Krueger	1939
B. Loess	1918	Raymond Rowe	1940
George Schildge	1919-1920	Clarence F. Frase	1941-1942
C. J. Rattey	1921-1923	Walter Krueger	1943-1944
William Coughlin	1924-1927	George Norris	1945
Carl Anderson	1928	Richard McCarthy	1946
Adolf P. Heilmann	1929-1930	Raymond Binder	1947-1948
Henry Mueller	1931-1932	Ralph Schoen	1949-1950
Frank Waskow	1933	William Smith	1951-1952
Arthur Tribke	1934	Albert Bowman	1953

RECORDING SECRETARY

August Schumacher	1903	Ray Merritt	1917-1919
James Fink	1905	Joseph Folkers	1920-1927
Leo Bach	1909-1913	Clarence F. Frase	1928-1939
Charles Piehl	1914	Elger Wells Sr.	1940-1953
George Nelson	1915-1916		

FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Herman Matthews	1909-1912	R. H. Albers	1924-1927
L. Schertel	1913-1914	Henry Mueller	1928-1929
C. Piehl	1915	Ewald Heimert	1930-1932
Charles Olsen	1916-1917	Raymond Binder	1930-1931
Frank Kirchoff	1918-1920	Richard Maiwald	1932-1943
Chas. Stender	1921-1923	Homer Mittelstadt	1944-1953

TREASURER

August Giermann	1903	William Hagemeister	1931-1939
Emil Kaiser	1909-1914	Roy Beese	1940
A. M. Gost	1915	Ralph Treichel	1941-1943
Frank Kolze	1916-1920	William Hagemeister	1944-1945
Elger Wells Sr.	1921-1927	Ralph Treichel	1946-1947
William Hilbert	1928-1930	Theo. Zumbrook	1948-1953

COUNCIL MEN

George Schildge	1903	E. Holland	1918
August Schumacher	1903-1914	Joseph Folkers	1919-1927
George Schildge	1918-1920	Chas. Stender	1921-1924
August Giermann	1903-1917	Chas. Stender	1935-1937
Karl Klaiber	1903	Elger Wells Sr.	1921-1927
Theo. Massmann	1903-1914	Elger Wells Sr.	1939-1953
H. Matthews	1903-1914	Wm. K. Johnson	1920-1921
Jacob Krick	1905	Wm. K. Johnson	1923-1925
Max Runge	1905	C. J. Rattey	1921-1923
James Fink	1905	Adolf P. Heilmann	1922
Fred Peters	1905-1911	Adolf P. Heilmann	1927-1932
August Dobbeck	1905-1914	Wm. Coughlin	1922-1930
Emil Kaiser	1909-1915	R. H. Albers	1924-1927
George Weideling	1905-1927	William Hilbert	1925-1930
L. Schertel	1909-1910	Walter Behl	1926
L. Schertel	1913-1914	Walter Behl	1928-1935
John Massman	1905	Ed. Pietsch	1927
Leo Bach	1909-1913	Wm. Kaitchuck	1927-1928
Theo. Maschke	1909-1914	Wm. Kaitchuck	1932
W. Schumacher	1911-1912	Frank Waskow	1927
John Haefer	1912-1914	Frank Waskow	1929-1933
R. Grunewald	1913-1914	Carl Anderson	1927-1928
C. Piehl	1914-1915	Henry Mueller	1927-1939
L. A. Krafft	1915	Henry Mueller	1944-1953
M. Gost	1915-1916	Carl Mueller	1928-1931
Charles Olsen	1916-1917	Clarence F. Frase	1928-1945
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B. Loess	1917-1918	Raymond Binder	1947-1950
Frank Kirchoff	1918-1920	Wm. Williamson	1928-1930
Frank Kirchoff	1933-1939	Wm. Williamson	1932-1934
Ray Merritt	1917-1919	Harold Freevol	1929-1933
H. Ramm	1920-1921	Richard Maiwald	1931-1945

Wm. Hagemeister	1931-1939	Raymond Rowe	1940-1946
Wm. Hagemeister	1942-1945	Hans Hansen	1940-1946
Carl Erickson	1931	Ralph Treichel	1940-1943
August Loepke	1932-1933	Ralph Treichel	1946-1947
Walter Krueger	1933-1939	Elmer Behrends	1940-1941
Walter Krueger	1943-1946	Roy Beese	1940-1945
Arthur Tribke	1933-1936	Carl Schletz	1942
Herman Loges	1934-1935	Richard McCarthy	1946-1949
Herman Loges	1938	Herbert Hulseberg	1946
Emil Kuehfuss	1934-1946	William Smith	1946-1953
Edward Dobbeck	1934	Benedict Wagner	1946-1948
William Nimz	1935-1939	Theo. Zumbrook	1947-1953
Robert Blohm	1936-1937	Ralph Schoen	1947-1952
Robert Blohm	1942	Harry Ingalls	1947-1953
Alex Rhode	1936-1937	William Fehrman	1947-1948
George Norris	1937	William Fehrman	1950
George Norris	1943-1945	Arthur Kantack	1948-1950
Arthur Balfanz	1938-1939	Orval Dieckmann	1949
Elmer Anderson	1938-1939	Albert Bowman	1950-1953
Jos. Schneider	1938	George Hoeck	1951-1953
Erick Anderson	1939	Arthur Raguse	1951-1953
Glen Yerkey	1940-1941	Fred Letz	1951-1952
George Kongabel	1940-1941	Roy Enstrom	1953
Homer Mittelstadt	1940-1953	George Hoover	1953





WHAT OUR CHURCH STANDS FOR

May we never forget that the Church is only a means to an end and that our chief task is to build the Kingdom of God in the hearts of men. Kloeckner Memorial Church is a part of the Evangelical and Reformed Church. The name suggests that our faith is based on the Gospel, and that we have our roots in the Protestant Reformation. We are part of a denomination that has 2,873 congregations with a membership of over 700,000, 13 colleges and seminaries and 20 benevolent institutions. Our mission fields are in India, Japan, China, Honduras, Iraq, Africa, and South America. About 250 workers are in our National Mission Fields.

We have endeavored to cooperate with other denominations and have been active in the Church Federation of Greater Chicago. We are glad to be a part of the larger church, and are thankful that we are a part of a church that is interested in uniting the churches of Jesus Christ into one Church.

We receive into our membership any person who confesses the Christian faith by baptism, confirmation, transfer or profession of faith. We practice open communion and all who profess Christ as their Saviour are invited to celebrate the Lord's Supper with us.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Our church relies for its financial support on the free will offering of its people. Each member is given a set of envelopes and is asked to use them in bringing his contributions for the support of the congregation's work, and for the support of the work of the church at large including its charitable institutions and its world wide program of missions. Each member is urged to contribute in the measure which "God hath prospered him."

INVITATION

If you are now a member of the Kloeckner Church, this is your invitation to give of your time, your energy, your money, your prayers and devotion to the end that we might function fully to reflect glory upon Almighty God; and to exert a profound influence for good upon all whose lives we may touch directly or indirectly.

If you are not a member of our Church we invite you to join us and acquaint yourself with its teachings and with its principles of operation. We are eager to share with you the blessings of faith and of true Christian Fellowship.



MUSIC

"O come, let us sing unto the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our Salvation. Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms." Psalm 95: 1, 2.

Throughout the fifty years of its history, the choir has played an important part in the life of our church and in the long story of man's worship. For those who cannot speak forth their spiritual emotions, song or instrument gives release to these feelings. A worshipping congregation must not merely listen appreciatively to sacred music but must join actively in the musical part of the service. Therefore, the function of a choir is to help the worship of the people by stimulating the singing in order that a deeper feeling of reverence and love of God may find satisfactory expression.

Because of its importance, a choir was organized by the founders of our congregation in its beginning. It consisted of twenty men and women and was under the direction of Miss Betty Von Rague who also served as organist.



LOUIS H. WEHRINGER

In November, 1915, Louis H. Wehringer became organist and director of our choir. He served in this capacity for approximately nineteen years and under his capable leadership our services of worship were greatly enriched through song. During his illness, Esther Siebert served as organist, and our soloist, Oscar Williamson, directed the choir. Mr. Wehringer's death on June 30, 1935, was keenly felt by all who knew him, for he was well liked and his pleasing personality contributed much toward keeping the members of the choir enthusiastic.

We have had several Junior Choirs. The first one was organized by Dorothy Kuhn, who was assisted by Helen Ressler. There were about thirty-five active members in this group. As they reached the teen age they automatically became members of the Senior Choir. "The Florist Window", an operetta, was given several times by this junior organization. The proceeds were used to buy white choir robes for the members. Another group presented the operetta "Hansel and Gretel". The scenery used for this production was painted by one of the members, Miss Irene Wolter. At another time there was a chorus composed of girls of high school age under the direction of Ann Kleinfeld, also a mixed children's chorus which was directed by Helen Ressler and accompanied by Lois Mueller.

In September, 1935, we were fortunate in securing Marie Edwards, who was a director at the Illinois College of Music, to serve as our organist and director. The efficient manner in which Miss Edwards handled the musical part of our worship was very satisfactory and she continued as organist until October, 1950, when she resigned and moved to Little Rock, Arkansas.

Fred Hautz, our tenor soloist, who had previously been engaged to assist Miss Edwards as choir director, now assumed the duties of organist along with those of directing. After a short time, illness forced Mr. Hautz to discontinue serving us in this capacity. A vote of thanks to Fred for a job well done. We were sorry to see him leave. Our sincere appreciation to Herman Wiegman who very capably assisted us during the coming holiday season.

In February, 1951, Winifred Walker became our director and organist, and under her competent guidance the choir grew in leaps and bounds. Due to illness, Mrs. Walker had to take a leave of absence and while she was away, Mrs. Gustafson, Mrs. Krause, Mr. Thomas, and our own Mr. Hautz did the "honors."

Since the return of Mrs. Walker the choir has participated in five "Singfests" and rendered a very fine cantata "Bethlehem" by Maunder. In February, 1953, a musical evening was presented which included "Negro Spirituals." Those in attendance also enjoyed the Treble Clef Trio who entertained with songs from familiar musical comedies. The proceeds from this program were used to help purchase the new robes



CHOIR

1st Row, Left to right: Emma Holden, Elda Schoen, Winifred Walker (Director), Kathie Raguse and Marlene Thee (Secretary). *2nd Row*: Madeline Tribke (Treasurer), Martha Grabo, Gertrude Thompson, Inga Esterberg, Helen Ressler, Erna L. Dumke, Helen Letz, Joan Schmidt and Carol Zumbrook. *3rd Row*: Harold Grabo, Herbert Hulseberg, Leo Heifetz, Ted Rahn (President), and John Heinl.

which the choir wore for the first time on Mother's Day. They are the color of a ruby, and the golden stoles which adorn them, in honor of our Golden Anniversary Year, make a very attractive and beautiful picture.

On March 9, 1953, we were all greatly disturbed when we heard that, because of business conditions, Mrs. Walker's husband was being transferred to Rockford. We were privileged, however, to have Mrs. Walker remain with us until the last Sunday in June, when the choir disbanded for the summer season.

We are looking forward to the month of September when we will again unite and welcome into our midst, Mrs. Berenice Skooglund, our new organist and director.

The good Lord hath blessed us richly
In spite of our earthly sin
We have flowers, friendship, and music
Let us sing thanks unto Him!

OUR CHURCH SCHOOL

HELEN RESSLER AND DOROTHY KUHN

Our Church School has maintained classes for beginners, youth and adults since its organization in 1903.

Though our present teaching methods and materials have progressed greatly since then, our purpose is still the same:

1. To study together the meaning of the Christian gospel for the individual and for society;
2. To find resources for personal religious living in Bible study, worship and fellowship;
3. To explore the mission of the Church in the world and the responsibility of Christian education in the home and the community.

In the early years the various pastors served as our Superintendents. Then followed a period when members such as Arthur Wischman, Bernard Loess, and Walter Behl served faithfully as General Superintendents, and Allene Kuhn Binder, Dorothy Foerster Yahr, Elmer Behrends, and Albert Ludwig as Departmental Superintendents. The names of those who have served as teachers and leaders are too numerous to mention.

No doubt many of you remember classes such as the Sunshine, CCC, Dorcas, Tau Gamma Delta, and Semper Fidelis, and the fine work they accomplished while active in the Church School. Many of the members of these classes are still assisting in various organizations of our church.

Our present superintendents are as follows: Helen Ressler, Beginners and Primary Department, and Dorothy Kuhn, Junior, Intermediate and Senior Departments.

Since the building of the new church the classes of the Beginners and Primary Department have been held in the Kindergarten Room. With the increasing number of little children in these departments it

became necessary to move the classes downstairs to larger quarters, on December 31, 1952.

At the present time we have a total membership of sixty. Our nursery class boasts a membership of twenty, whose ages range from two to three years. The children are now seated at tables where most of their class work is done. This arrangement gives the children ample space and enables the teacher to do a very fine job of instructing.

Since children at this early stage of life are so impressionable and are such great mimics, it is very important that they receive proper instruction and training. Their little minds are so easily influenced by what they see and by what they are told.

With the new set-up we feel that we are able to give them the fundamentals which will later on be developed on a larger scale. The simple prayers and Bible verses bring questions that many times have to be answered in such a way that the little child will be satisfied.

The picture and story of "Jesus Lying in the Manger" caused quite a bit of worry on the part of one of our little ones, and had to be explained very carefully.

The Bible Verse "I am with you always" brought comfort to a little one that was afraid of the dark at night.

The teacher gets a great deal of satisfaction working with the little children. She sees them slowly blossom out as they move from class to class, and she becomes quite attached to them.

At the age of 8½ or 9 years, they are graduated into the Junior Department and receive a Bible from the Church School as a constant reminder of their early instructions.

Since this is such a big step in their young lives, we pray that God may influence the teachers, so that through Him they can guide the children and show them how to shape their lives to become righteous and God-fearing men and women.

In 1950, the Board of Christian Education of the Evangelical and Reformed Church introduced the new curriculum "The Church and Home Series". Since then our Junior, Intermediate and Senior Departments have used this method of study with keen appreciation and gratitude.

They seek to interpret the theological and historical positions of our denomination to our people. An effort is made to relate the major emphases of our denomination to the lessons as they are developed. Missions at home and abroad, evangelism, stewardship, social action, world service, higher education, and other special concerns of our Church are integrated with the publications of our Board.

The studies are geared to help us learn and interpret the Bible as it affects all of life. Film strips and visual aids are being used to supplement the study material.

At this time we want to express our appreciation to the Women's Guild for the gift of the projector to the church and church school.

Christian Hymnways, the hymn book recommended for use by our Board of Christian Education, is used in conjunction with our curriculum. It is a collection of hymns selected to develop true worship through song. These hymn books were presented to the Church School as a memorial to David Arndt, who passed away in October, 1951.

There is also a magazine for home reading and Bible study, "The Church In The Home". We recommend a greater use of this material for it is recognized that only as parents cooperate in Christian Education, are children truly guided; the Church cannot do it alone.

One of the strongest forces against juvenile delinquency is the Church School. Many parents pride themselves on being conscientious parents, but are they, if they are careless about their children's religious training? Instead of sending their children to the Church School regularly, they permit them to stay home on very flimsy excuses. Teaching children about God is one of our most important tasks, so let us awaken to the facts and not be negligent in our responsibilities.

In October, 1952, with the Church at large, we were privileged to purchase and use the new Revised Standard Version of the Bible which is written in the language of today. We are also using the King James Version and the American Translation—Smith—Goodspeed, twelve volumes which were presented to the Church School in memory of Arthur Raguse who passed away in September, 1949.

The Church School has always had a system of awards for perfect attendance. During the early part of Reverend Fiedler's ministry, the Robert Raikes Award system was instituted. In this system faithful

members are given seal awards to be placed on diplomas. The first diploma takes seven years to complete and the one following thirteen years. A special award of a gold pin is given at the tenth year. The following have both diplomas filled and are receiving special awards: Hermie Mittelstadt, 21st year; Elmer Behrends, 22nd year; Allene Binder, 25th year; Lillian Behrends, 29th year; Ruth Binder, 31st year; Katharine Williams, 39th year; Dorothy J. Kuhn, 41st year.

In October, which is the beginning of our Church School year, each child is given a set of duplex envelopes. The offerings received in these envelopes are used to help make the Church School self-supporting, and in addition to purchase Christmas gifts for the children and aged at our Bensenville Home, and for the support of Ellis Community Center (our Japanese American Mission in Chicago), and Church World Service.

The teachers and leaders who have given unselfishly of their time and talent have had the reward of being able to observe the effect of their religious teachings in the fine young people who are now in our church and our community.





CHURCH SCHOOL PRIMARY DEPARTMENT

1st Row, Reading from left to right: Pamela Treichel, Nancy Reynolds, Kim Landem, Shari Wiederhold, Howard Andersen, James Smith, Linda Grabowski, Allen Weiger, Jane Snyder, Toni Jeanne Wiederhold. *2nd Row*: Kathie Rahn, Billy Dunn, Buddy Dunn, Nancy Fehrmann, Edward Toll, June Enstrom, Irene Schwerdtfeger and Billy Deno. *3rd Row*: James Reynolds, Richard Snyder, Stephen Smith, Diane Dell'Aringa, Henry Hulseberg and Donald Warke. *4th Row*: Helen Fehrmann, Katherine Raguse, teachers, Susan Andersen, Patsy Deno, Johnny Schwerdtfeger, Sandra Slater, Darlene Smith, Bobby Treichel and Marge Wiegman. *5th Row*: Irene Wehringer, Jeanne Wiederhold, teachers, Helen Ressler, Superintendent Primary Department, Dolores Schwerdtfeger, Rose Marie Plesha, teacher, Barbara Young, Pastor Moenkhaus and Marion Enstrom. *Members of the department that were not present when the picture was taken*: Mary Ann Stentz, teacher, Melody Ambrose, Andrea Caruso, Stephen De Schryver, Dennis Gilian, Bobby Krieger, Pam Kulzer, Rex Landem, Ruth Latzel, Zada Manion, Judith Miller, Dennis Moenkhaus, Patrick Moenkhaus, Billy O'Neil, Tommy O'Neil, Patty Thime, Janet Tribke, Billy Tribke, Darlene Tribke, Esther Wagner and Bonnie Zimmerman.



CHURCH SCHOOL JUNIOR, INTERMEDIATE, SENIOR and ADULT DEPARTMENTS

1st Row, Reading from left to right: Sharon Duffy, Jane Waddell, Ronald Enstrom, Richard Enstrom, Steven Ehlinger, Robert Reynolds and Myrna Wiegman. 2nd Row: Hazel Wiegman, Pearl Deno, Lillian Behrends, teacher, Allene Binder, Holly Skreko and Judith Ehlinger. 3rd Row: Fredric Williams, Katharine Williams, Secretary, Roy Enstrom, Evelyn Dunn, Dorothy Kuhn, Superintendent, Hermie Mittelstadt, Barbara Kuhn, Raymond Binder, Pianist, and Pastor Moenkhaus. 4th Row: Gary Grabowski, William Smith, teacher, Lloyd Beese and John Heintz. The following members were not able to be present when the picture was taken: Junior and Intermediate Departments: Elmer Behrends and Dorothy Grote, teachers, Sandra Ambrose, Janet Behrends, Earlene Bushnell, Deanna De Schryver, John Engle, Henrietta Klepac, Darlene Krieger, Pete Kulzer, Anna Marie Latzel, Fred Latzel, Patricia McIntyre, Wayne Miller, Kenneth Thime and Charles Wood. Senior and Adult Departments: Ruth Binder, Secretary, May Evans, Jim Moenkhaus, William Norris, Mildred Raguse, Art Raguse and Herman Wiegman.



ENTIRE CHURCH SCHOOL

1st Row, reading from left to right: Helen Fehrmann, teacher, Pamela Treichel, Nancy Reynolds, Kim Landem, Shari Wiederhold, Howard Andersen, James Smith, Linda Grabowski, Allen Weiger, Jane Snyder and Toni Jeanne Wiederhold. *2nd Row*: Irene Wehringer, teacher, Katherine Raguse, teacher, Kathie Rahn, Billy Dunn, Buddy Dunn, Nancy Fehrmann, Edward Toll, June Enstrom, Irene Schwerdtfeger and Billy Deno. *3rd Row*: James Reynolds, Richard Snyder, Stephen Smith, Diane Dell'Aringa, Henry Hulseberg and Donald Warke. *4th Row*: Rose Marie Plesha, teacher, Barbara Young, Susan Andersen, Patsy Deno, Johnny Schwerdtfeger, Sandra Slater, Darlene Smith and Bobby Treichel. *5th Row*: Jeanne Wiederhold, teacher, Helen Ressler, Superintendent Primary Department, Steven Ehlinger, Richard Enstrom, Robert Reynolds and Marge Wiegman. *6th Row*: Dolores Schwerdtfeger, teacher, Ronald Enstrom, Charles Grote, Sharon Duffy, Jane Waddell, Marion Enstrom, teacher, and Myrna Wiegman. *7th Row*: Holly Skreko, Judith Ehlinger, Barbara Kuhn, Raymond Binder, Pianist, Allene Binder, Hermie Mittelstadt, Katherine Williams, Secretary. *8th Row*: Lloyd Beese, Gary Grabowski, Irene Smith, Esther Treichel, Roy Enstrom, Lillian Behrends, teacher, Fredric Williams, Dorothy J. Kuhn, Superintendent Junior and Intermediate Departments, Hazel Wiegman, Inga Esteberg, Evelyn Dunn, William Smith, teacher, Pearl Deno, Tommy Deno, Pastor Moenkhaus and John Heinl.

The following members of the Primary, Junior and Intermediate, Senior and Adult Departments were not able to be present when the picture was taken: Primary Department: Mary Ann Stentz, teacher, Melody Ambrose, Andrea Caruso, Stephen De Schryver, Dennis Gillian, Bobby Krieger, Pam Kulzer, Rex Landem, Ruth Latzel, Zada Manion, Judith Miller, Dennis Moenkhaus, Patrick Moenkhaus, Billy O'Neil, Tommy O'Neil, Patty Thime, Janet Tribke, Billy Tribke, Darlene Tribke, Esther Wagner, and Bonnie Zimmerman. *Junior and Intermediate Department:* Elmer Behrends, Dorothy Grote, teachers, Sandra Ambrose, Janet Behrends, Earlene Bushnell, Deanna De Schryver, John Engel, Henrietta Klepac, Darlene Krieger, Peter Kulzer, Anna Marie Latzel, Fred Latzel, Patricia McIntyre, Wayne Miller, Kenneth Thime and Charles Wood. *Senior and Adult Department:* Ruth Binder, Secretary, May Evans, Jim Moenkhaus, William Norris, Mildred Raguse, Art Raguse and Herman Wiegman.

THE CRADLE ROLL

Several years ago, Mrs. Helene Wasmund organized a Cradle Roll Department, which holds meetings regularly throughout the year. Its purpose is twofold; first, to get the little children acquainted with each other before they enter the Primary Department; and second, to bring the mothers and grandmothers closer together in Christian Fellowship through prayer, Bible readings, and songs of praise. Rev. Moenkhaus is a welcome visitor at these meetings, and the children enjoy listening to his interpretation of the Bible Stories.

Due to Mrs. Wasmund's many duties she was unable to remain active in this department and Mrs. Lillian Behrends became her successor. For several years the department continued to meet under her fine leadership. However, due to illness, Mrs. Behrends had to relinquish her duties.

At the present time Mrs. Adelyn Andersen and Mrs. Lois Pollex are the leaders.

When the children reach the age of three years, they automatically become members of the Beginners Department of the Church School. Here they continue the study of the Bible Stories and enjoy the friendship of the same little friends they met in the Cradle Roll.

Recently the Church School has adopted the practice of placing a rosebud on the altar whenever a child is born to a member family. This gives us the opportunity to pray unitedly and to rejoice together because of the blessed event. So far four rosebuds have been placed on the altar, and the four new arrivals are in line for membership in the Cradle Roll.

Parents of the new arrivals are: Mr. and Mrs. Willis Burgess, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. John Ward, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Toll, Mr. and Mrs. Elger Wells, Jr.

"Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me, for of such is the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 19:14.

LADIES AID SOCIETY

On Thursday, March 12, 1903, the women of the newly organized Golgatha Evangelical Church of Austin met at the home of Mr. George Schildge and organized a Women's Society with thirty women joining. The following were elected to serve as officers: Mrs. Ida Klaiber, President; Mrs. N. Von Rague, Vice President; Mrs. Clara Bach, Treasurer; and Mrs. Augusta Hillmann, Secretary. Mrs. Lizzie Campbell and Mrs. H. Matthews were elected to serve as Directors. The meetings were to be held on the third Thursday of each month and the dues were to be twenty-five cents per month.

So from the first days of our church's history the women have supported the work of our church. The interest they have shown and the material support that they have given over the period of years is indispensable. They have regularly supplemented the church treasury with funds, earned by giving dinners and holding various church affairs. They are a busy group working hard for months ahead of our annual fall bazaar, coming forward with splendid ideas and always contributing their share toward its success. Whenever other groups want a fellowship dinner or banquet the Ladies are always ready to serve. They have also handled many wedding receptions.

They have added materially to the equipment of the church through the purchase of dishes, silverware, twenty-five dining room tables, electric sewing machine, and a new linen altar cloth. One of their projects has been a complete remodeling of the kitchen, furnishing it with modern coffee urns, steam table, meat slicer, electric refrigerator, new sinks, and various kitchen utensils. Their most recent undertaking, for our Golden Anniversary Year, has been the purchase of two-hundred new chairs for our Social Hall.

The women have not confined themselves to material support alone, but have always been active in visiting the sick, comforting the sorrowing, and winning people to the church.

Their interests also extend beyond the borders of our church. For many years they have been members of the Women's Auxiliary of Elmhurst College and of the Bensenville Home, giving definite financial support to these institutions.

One of the special events, which is enjoyed by all, is the Ladies Aid annual picnic, which is held at the Kuhn's summer home in Winthrop Harbor.

It can be truly said that the purpose of the Ladies Aid is to unite all women of the church in Christian Fellowship and, with divine help and guidance, to develop an understanding of the work of the entire church; to deepen spiritual life; to stimulate sacrificial giving; and to promote Christian service in the home, the local church, the community, the nation, and the world.

The following is a list of officers together with the years of service from 1919 to the present day:

PRESIDENT

Francis Kirchoff	1919-1923	Sylvia Anderson	1938-1939
Clara Binder	1924-1925	Elsie Kuehfuss	1940-1941
Augusta Goebel	1926-1927	Martha Hansen	1942-1943
Mae Lindstrom	1928-1929	Rose Norris	1944-1945
Emma Mueller	1930-1931	Agnes Huth	1946-1947
Florence Sieg	1932	Lillian McCarthy	1948-1949
Elsie Waskow	1933-1934	Elizabeth Beckman	1950
Edna McCurdy	1935	Rose Norris	1951
Minnie McIntyre	1936-1937	Ann Latzel	1952-1953

VICE PRESIDENT

Clara Binder	1919-1923	Sue Krueger	1940-1941
Augusta Goebel	1924-1925	Rose Norris	1942-1943
Emma Peterson	1926-1927	Agnes Huth	1944-1945
Emma Mueller	1928-1929	Mae Lindstrom	1946
Florence Sieg	1930-1931	Lillian McCarthy	1947
Nettie Schneider	1932	Elizabeth Beckman	1948-1949
Mae Lindstrom	1933	Rose Norris	1950
Edna McCurdy	1934	Ann Latzel	1951
Della Stopper	1935-1936	Helen Letz	1952-1953
Elizabeth Nimz	1938-1939		

RECORDING SECRETARY

Barbara Kuhn	1919-1923	Mae Duber	1939
Francis Kirchoff	1924-1925	Anna Moorhead	1940-1941
Mae Lindstrom	1926-1927	Etna Pickett	1942-1943
Elsie Waskow	1928-1929	Elizabeth Beckman	1944-1945
Florence Austerman	1930-1931	Elda Schoen	1946-1947
Edna McCurdy	1932-1933	Alice Zumbrook	1948-1949
Sylvia Anderson	1934-1935	Erna Dumke	1950-1951
Elsie Kuehfuss	1936-1937	Anna Moorhead	1952-1953
Eleanor Blohm	1938		

FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Alma Rattey	1919-1925	Edna Rowe	1941-1942
Olive Albers	1926-1927	Lillian McCarthy	1943
Gertrude Erler	1928-1929	Edna Rowe	1944-1945
Elsie Waskow	1930-1931	Alice Zumbrook	1946-1947
Barbara Kuhn	1932	Elda Schoen	1948-1949
Olive Albers	1933-1934	Frances Zatorski	1950
Elizabeth Nimz	1935-1936	Helen Letz	1951
Alma Blohm	1937-1938	Bertha Rudolph	1952-1953
Effie Balfanz	1939-1940		

TREASURER

Clara Kolze	1919-1923	Anna Moorhead	1939
Barbara Kuhn	1924-1925	Hedweg Brelic	1940-1941
Lillie Hilbert	1926-1927	Dora Frase	1942-1943
Elsie Fiedler	1928-1929	Emma Stambaugh	1944-1945
Lillie Freevol	1930-1931	Lillian McCarthy	1946
Anna Guston	1932-1933	Elizabeth Beckman	1947
Lillie Freevol	1934-1935	Rose Norris	1948-1949
Mae Duber	1936-1937	Mae Lindstrom	1950-1951
Elizabeth Nimz	1938	Florence L. Krueger	1952-1953



LADIES AID SOCIETY

1st Row: Perth Storm, Gertrude Erler, Della Stopper, Barbara Kuhn, Minnie Raschke, Hedwig Brehlie, Ann Latzel (President), Anna Miller, Anna Moorehead (Recording Secretary), Clara Wandrey, Lillie Hilbert, Marie Johnson. *2nd Row:* Emily Franzek, Rose Norris, Minnie McIntyre, Elsie Was-kow, Dora Frase, Bertha Rudolph (Financial Secretary), Ottilie Bonter, Margarette Reno, Elda Schoen, Elizabeth Beckman, Irene Wagner. *3rd Row:* Hertha Moenkhaus, Allene Binder, Lottie Melzer, Anna Hollatz, Erna Dumke, Agnes Schultz, Gloria Engelskirchen, Lillian McCarthy, Florence L. Krueger (Treasurer), Thelma Warke. *4th Row:* Gertrude Kenn, Margaret Burkhardt, Agnes Huth, Clara Metzger, Alma Wehringer, Edna Gottschalk, Johanna Carlson, Florence M. Krueger, Elizabeth Schneider. *5th Row:* Edith Raschke, Helen Letz (Vice-President), Elsie Kuehfuss, Hattie Behrens, Emma Stambaugh, Gladys Raschke, Anna Rabe, Ardelia Sampson. *Members not on picture:* Olive Albers, Emma Schlicher, Sue Krueger, Mae Lindstrom, Augusta Wiese, Rose Smith, Effie Balfanz, Edna McCurdy, Ada Diews, Minnie Scarr, Edna Fehrman, Anna Guston, Frances Zatorski, Edith Mattheis, Alice Zumbrook, Martha Hulseberg, Bertha Behrends, Alma Moenkhaus, Helen Foerster, Martha Hansen, Louise Bauer, Elsie Fiedler, Jean Wiederhold, Rose Haack, Ida Pietsch.

WOMEN'S GUILD

In January, 1946, it was decided to form a women's evening group to satisfy the spiritual, educational and fellowship needs of women who, for various reasons, could not attend the daytime meetings of other organizations.

On April 11, 1946, the formal meeting was held to incorporate the



WOMEN'S GUILD

1st Row: Left to right: Lillian Behrends, Helen Fehrmann (Secretary), Lois Pollex (Vice President), Margaret Todd (President), Lydia Pomazal (Treasurer), Barbara Kuhn and Dorothy Kuhn. *2nd Row:* Evelyn Tribke, Lillian Wells, Jessie Christiansen, Beatrice Seaton, Hermie Mittelstadt, Irene Smith, Madeline Tribke, Elsie Schippell, Inga Esteberg, Elsie Hoy, Allene Binder, Joan Wesclitz, Velma Smith, and Dorothy Burgess. *3rd Row:* Emma Holden, Dorothy Davies, Mildred Raguse, Evelyn Dunn, June Skreko, and Shirley Krieger. *4th Row:* Bernice Kuchler, Lucille Goetz, Violet Crook, Myrtle Stopper, Hazel Wiegman, Adelyn Andersen, Martha Rowe, Eleanor Homuth and Dorothy Heint.

Members whose picture does not appear: Mila Bauer, Agnes Sundt Bauman, Ruth Binder, Marlene Bowman, Marion Enstrom, May Evans, Florence Goebel, Betty Hansen, Marion Hautz, Ida Hummel, Emma F. Kressman, Ruth Krieger, Helen Lindstrom, Lorraine Metzger, Hertha Moenkhaus, Erna O'Neill, Helen Ressler, Rose Smith, Margaret Stutzke, Ethel Sisemore, Olga Sullivan, Carolyn Toll, Esther Treichel, Frances Young, Frances Zatorski and Rose Zieker.

Kloeckner Memorial Women's Guild into the national Women's Guild of our denomination. There were sixty-three women present who signed the charter that night.

The purpose of the Women's Guild is to unite all its members into Christian Fellowship and with divine help and guidance to:

Develop an understanding of the work of the entire Church,
Deepen spiritual life,
Stimulate sacrificial giving, and
Promote Christian service

in the home, the local church, the denomination, the community, the nation, and the world.

The Women's Guild carries forward its work through eight departments of service which are: Christian Citizenship, Education, Membership, Missionary, Social Service, Stewardship, Spiritual Life, and Thank Offering. This offers a full and varied program to cover the entire work of the church so as to appeal to all women.

The Women's Guild encourages a system of direct giving, and its budget includes the Challenge, a fund which is used for missionary, educational and service projects of our denomination, as well as monies contributed to our own church and local needs. A special opportunity to express our gratitude is offered in giving through our Thank Offering boxes. These boxes are collected yearly at an ingathering and sent to further spread the Word of God all over the world as well as remember our pastors in their future years.

The Women's Guild has its own seal and colors. On the seal, the open book is symbolic of the "Word", which is the basis for all that we do as Christian women; the cross, at either side of the open book, represents Christ's sacrifice, and is the sign and symbol of His whole life and message. The lighted torch, supporting the whole, suggests His challenge to us when he said, "Ye are the light of the world". The emblem is made of gold, a metal which has been refined, even as human life must be refined in order to attain the full stature of its beauty and usefulness. The Women's Guild colors are blue and gold. The blue of loyalty, the loyalty to our Lord, to His Church, to our faith, to each other and the gold proclaims our common concern about the higher values for which Christian women must constantly strive.

The members of the Women's Guild have joined forces with our Ladies Aid whenever possible to help with the fine work they have done so untiringly these past fifty years. We have the privilege of

honoring the Mothers and Daughters of the church every spring on a special night. Many worthwhile projects have been accomplished during the existence of our Guild. These were made possible through gifts, plays, minstrels, auctions, and the canning of various foods. They include the purchase of an Ampro sound projector for sound movies, a typewriter, a slide and filmstrip projector, stage curtains, and direct contributions to the church and Bensenville. Our project for this, our anniversary year, is the printing of one thousand cook books which contain the favorite recipes of many of our church members. The proceeds from the sale of these books will help our Guild accomplish its next undertaking.

Following are the names of those who have served our Guild as officers:

PRESIDENT

Dorothy Burgess	1946-1947	Marlene Bowman	1951
Bernice Speiser	1948	Violet Crook	1951
Eleanor Homuth	1949	Margaret Todd	1952-1953
Allene Binder	1950		

VICE PRESIDENT

Bernice Speiser	1946-1947	Marlene Bowman	1950
Eleanor Homuth	1948	Violet Crook	1951
June Skreko	1949	Lois Pollex	1952-1953

SECRETARY

Bernice Kuchler	1946-1947	Bernice Speiser	1950
Bernice Peacock	1948	Mildred Raguse	1951
Elsie Schippell	1949	Helen Fehrmann	1952-1953

TREASURER

Evelyn Dunn	1946-1947	Helen Fehrmann	1950-1951
LaVerne Guhl	1948	Lydia Pomazal	1952-1953
Myrtle Stopper	1949		

In humility and thanksgiving we sing praises to God our Father for the privilege of being a co-worker with Him. We are thankful to each and every member for their fine cooperation and also to our many friends for the support they have given us. With a prayer in our hearts for our church and its congregation, we ask that we may all grow "in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man" in the years to come.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Since its beginning our church has had several organizations to help promote Christian fellowship among the young people and to provide a place where they could take part in the various activities of the church.

The present group, known as the Youth Fellowship of Kloeckner Memorial Church, was organized in 1942. Rev. and Mrs. Moenkhaus were instrumental in starting this group and in later years were assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Schoen. We have a membership of twenty-five at the present time and we meet regularly except during the summer months when outdoor gatherings are held and the beauty of God in nature is enjoyed. At each meeting we have a business session, a religious devotion, and a social hour.



YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Left to right: Lloyd Beese, Secretary, Kathie Raguse, Vice-President, Warren Schubert, Treasurer, Mary Ann Stentz, President, John Heinl, Secretary.

We cooperate with other churches through the Synod Youth Fellowship Association and the Evangelical and Reformed National Youth Fellowship. In this way we are able to join in projects which are on a nation wide basis. We have joined with members of the youth organizations from other churches in square dances, hayrack rides, and skating parties. Our pastor has led us in many inspirational meetings, some of which were illustrated with film strips. At one of our meetings we made a study of various religions of the world which was very interesting.

Each year, at our church bazaar, we sponsor a game booth where young and old try their skill at various games, worth-while prizes being awarded the winners. There were many red faces last year when a little three-year-old attained high score in one of the most popular games and walked away with the prize.

Since 1952 our sponsors have been Mr. and Mrs. Willis Burgess Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Elger Wells Jr.

The following have served as president:

William A. Moenkhaus	1943
Richard E. Zieker	1944
Elger G. Wells, Jr.	1945*
Melvin H. Beckman	1945
Earl R. Mittelstadt	1946
Willis W. Burgess, Jr.	1947
Emil F. Dieterich	1948
Robert Moenkhaus	1949
Bruce E. Burgess	1950
Leo T. Heifetz	1951
James Moenkhaus	1952
Mary Ann Stentz	1953

*Inducted into U.S. Navy in March, 1945.

THE MEN

During its history our church has had a number of active organizations designed to meet the needs of the men, young and old, in the life and activities of a metropolitan church. Its main purpose was to make new friends and to develop happy relations of Christian Fellowship among men.

One such organization was the Community Men's Club which was organized in 1929. The following were instrumental in getting this group started: Edward E. Dobbeck, William Kaitchuck Sr., William Williamson, William Erler, and William Coughlin. The following served successively as president: Carl Anderson, Edward E. Dobbeck, Carl Erickson, and Arthur Tribke. Others who held office were Henry Cockerill, Walter Behl, Clarence F. Frase, William Lenheim, Frank Bartholomew, and A. J. Vorbau.

This group held meetings once a month with a varied program which included presentation of religious, civic and educational features.

Since 1940 the men's activities in our church come under the direction of the church council. Various affairs designed to unite the men in service and strengthen their loyalty to our church are held regularly. They include a Rally Dinner, Father and Son Banquet, Outdoor Picnic, and a Men's Loyalty Sunday in the month of October.

For the past two years the men of our church have participated in a Dart Ball League, which is sponsored by the Churchmen's Brotherhood. Fourteen Evangelical and Reformed Churches from the North Side of Chicago are represented in this league. Leo Heifetz has been captain of our team for the past two years. Ted Rahn and Harold Grabo each served one year as Treasurer. Last year the Annual Banquet for the entire group was held in our Social Hall. The ladies of our church served a delicious dinner to more than two hundred dart ball enthusiasts.

Our church was host to the "World Series" in May, 1952, when an "All Star" team from the Milwaukee, Wisconsin league played the "All Star" team from Chicago.

For several years we have been represented in the Evangelical and Reformed Church Soft Ball League. There are nine teams in this league. Our "boys" have come through with the championship several times and the trophies they have won are on display in the Social Hall. This year the team finished in second place. Louis Giosa was coach and manager, and Harry Benson was captain.

We can also boast of a championship Basketball Team, entered in the North Side Evangelical and Reformed League. Their trophies are also on display in the Social Hall.

Our Bowling League, for men and women, has been in existence since 1940. At the present time, Mr. Frank Berchtold is serving as president and Mr. Elger Wells, Sr., as secretary. The bowlers meet every Tuesday evening at 9:30 p.m. at the Gateway Recreation Alleys. Come out and join us, we're still trying for that old 300 game (Just Trying).

SEMPER FIDELIS

In the early part of 1932, the girls of the Sunday School class, taught by Mrs. Helene Wasmund, organized the Semper Fidelis Club. Many of the girls were confirmed the following year and later took an interest in church activities, some of them becoming teachers in our Church School.

Since its organization, the members of the Club have lived up to their name, which is Latin for "Always Faithful" to our Lord and Master, as well as to each other.

Throughout the years the Club has remained active, taking a part in our annual bazaar, presenting plays and style shows, also raising funds for our Bensenville Home.

At the present time, some of the members of this Club are active in the Women's Guild.

For the past two years Margaret Todd has been president and Lois Pollex, vice-president.

The following are members of the Semper Fidelis Club: Irene Storm Culnan, LaVergne Guhl Hanaseth (California), Elsie Sims Meinert, Vera Strohm Oaks, Bernice Reeder Peacock (Montana), Lois Mueller Pollex, Margaret Huth Todd, Margaret Ressler Wetzler, Lorraine Gierman Wilson, Evelyn Peuser Yerkey, and Hermie Mittelstadt, Sponsor.

DORCAS CLUB

In the early thirties, a group of young ladies, in their late teens, organized the Dorcas Club. Their Sunday School teacher and sponsor was Helen Ressler. The Club took part in many of our church activities and gave several plays. Once a year, on Mother's Day, this group entertained their mothers by taking them to dinner.

In 1935, when Helen Ressler became superintendent of the Primary Department, these girls disbanded as a Sunday School Class and continued as the Dorcas Club. Since all the members are now active in the Women's Guild, the name Dorcas has been dropped. However, they still meet socially once a month at the homes of the various members. At Christmas time they contribute a monetary gift to the Bensenville Home. At present they are making layettes for the County.

The following are members of this group: Adelyn Mueller Andersen, Violet Kirchhoff Crook, Dorothy Davies (New Member), Eleanor Homuth, Ann Ostergren Kleinfeld, Bernice Kuchler, June Peuser Skreko, Myrtle Stopper, Caroline Moorhead Toll, Evelyn Kleinfeld Tribke.

C. C. C.

During their Junior High School days, a Sunday School Class of active young girls, and their teacher, Dorothy Kuhn, founded the Club known as the CCC's. Throughout the years, though many have moved to distant cities, they have continued their friendship. Those who live in the Chicago area, still meet monthly in their respective homes for an evening of good fellowship.

The following are members of the CCC's: Virginia Norris Geis, Chicago, Ill.; Lucille Kuchler Goetz, Chicago, Ill.; Marion Hagemeister Hautz, Berwyn, Ill.; Dorothy Schubert Hogfelt, Barrington, Ill.; Lois Burgh Lee, Washington, D. C.; Louise Amenta Madonia, Chicago, Ill.; Sylvia Frew McCormick, Chicago, Ill.; Louise Krueger Meade, Detroit, Mich.; Mabel Fehrman Schlicher, Chicago, Ill.; Marion Freevol Schneider, Warren, Ohio; June Stoltz (New member), Barrington, Ill.; Audrey Monnich Tonn, Hood River, Ore.; Esther Kaitchuck Treichel, Chicago, Ill.; Dorothy J. Kuhn, Sponsor, Chicago, Ill.

TAU GAMMA DELTA

In 1919 a group of girls started as a Sunday School Class in the Primary Department with Dorothy Burgess as their teacher. They remained together as a class for about thirteen years.

During their high school days they formed the Tau Gamma Delta Sorority. Besides taking an active part in many church affairs, this group presented plays regularly, giving the proceeds to the church.

Members of the Tau Gamma Delta Sorority: Mrs. Adelyn Mueller Andersen, Mrs. Evelyn Anda Dunn, Mrs. Lucille Bockelman Hahne, Mrs. Dorothy Waskow Haverstik, Mrs. Lillian Tribke Hogfelt, Mrs. Alberta Koester Jarms, Mrs. Dorothy Ocnaschek Moore, Miss Marie Mumsen, Mrs. Margaret Hulseberg Popp, Mrs. Bernice Williamson Speiser, Mrs. Caroline Moorhead Toll, Mrs. Ethel Snyder Zuziak, and Mrs. Dorothy Burgess, Sponsor.

DRAMATICS

The members of our various church organizations have given several musical comedies as well as a number of three-act plays. Many of these plays were under the direction of Miss Helen Ressler.

Years ago, the Senior Choir had several home talent nights, which were called "Monkeyshines." Ewald Heimert and Oscar Williamson originated many of the sketches that were used in these performances. The members of the various Girls' Clubs such as the Tau Gamma Delta, Dorcas, CCC's, and Semper Fidelis have also presented many plays.



"MONKEYSHINES" OF 1932

LOOKING FORWARD

It has been the purpose of this book to give some account of the past fifty year period of our congregation. We hope that all who have turned its pages will have seen something of the faith and heroism of the past, and catch visions of the future. We can be thankful to our God that we are blessed with an inheritance of faith and action on the part of our forefathers who served their Lord and Master in carrying on the great work of our Church.

Many of these faithful workers whose faces were so familiar during this period of time have gone to their reward, but their children and their children's children, along with new members, continue to carry on the work which they so nobly began.

We hope you have enjoyed the story unfolded in the previous pages. It indicates a wonderful growth and development from a very humble beginning. Yet it deals only with the outward material history of our Church. It refers solely to the means necessary for us to practice our religion. The Church itself is only a material instrument of religious and spiritual life. It is the religious and spiritual life that is important and essential. Without it the Church would be useless and all the labor and efforts of the past years would be failures.

The last fifty years has not been without mistakes, and in many respects we have failed to attain our ideals, but we hope to profit by the experiences of the past; may it lend new inspiration for the duties and privileges of tomorrow.

Let us all resolve, by the help of God, who so wondrously shaped our destinies in the past, to go forth and win even greater victories in the future.

We congratulate the members of the Kloeckner Memorial Evangelical and Reformed Church on this our Golden Anniversary Year. We look forward to a greater opportunity of making new friends for our Church and of strengthening its bond with the old ones. May God bless us in our endeavors in the years ahead, and may we under His guidance bring even greater days to our beloved Church.

*Forward, be our watchword, steps and voices joined;
Seek the things before us, not a look behind.
Forward, flock of Jesus, salt of all the earth;
Till each yearning purpose, springs to glorious birth.*

THE ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

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This book belongs to:

Harold E. Lusk

The following is a personal record showing dates and places of birth, baptism, confirmation, connection with Kloeckner Memorial Church and its organizations, and such other data as will most interest the owner of the book, his relatives and friends.

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confirmation March 2, 1913



